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A LUNAR HOAX RECALLED.

The world will know within eight years whether or not there are cities on the planet Mars if the plans of Professor G. W. Ritchey, the American astronomer who superintended the construction of Mount Wilson Observatory, materialize says a Paris dispatch to the *New York Times*.

Professor Ritchey's latest reflector is expected to give ten times the optical power of the most successful modern telescope. He expects to set it up somewhere in the Arizona desert on the edge of the Grand Canyon. Will the scientists, trekking to their desert watchtower seven years hence, appreciate the significance of the anniversary? If not, the newspapers may remind them, for August 21st, 1835, was a date famous in local journalistic history. On that morning there appeared in the *New York Sun* this item:

#### CELESTIAL DISCOVERIES.

The *Edinburgh Courier* says: "We have just learnt from an eminent publisher in this city that Sir John Herschel, at the Cape of Good Hope, has made some astronomical discoveries of the most wonderful description, by means of an immense telescope of an entirely new principle."

#### The Author.

Richard Adams Locke, author of the great moon hoax, for which this paragraph served as the modest preface, stirred the interest of his readers in scientific discovery and played skillfully on their credulity. There were no cables then to confirm or refute—Herschel's marvelous discoveries, as narrated in the *Sun*. On August 25th of that year it published the first of a series of articles describing them in luminous detail. The account was attributed to a supplement of the *Edinburgh Journal of Science*, "very politely furnished us by a medical gentleman immediately from Scotland in consequence of a paragraph which appeared on Friday last from the *Edinburgh Courier*."

The *Journal of Science* was presumably indebted in turn to a certain Dr. Grant, the "indefatigable" superintendent of Dr. Herschel's telescope at the Cape of Good Hope. There were details of the casting of the great lens, with an estimated magnifying power of 42,000 times, and separate lenses to slide in and out in such wonderful juxtaposition that the glimpses of the moon seemed—but a few yards away.

#### Wonders Revealed.

Wonders were revealed. First vegetation, demonstrating that the moon had an atmosphere similar to our own—trees like the "yews in English churchyards," and a fine forest of firs. The scientists had rigged up a canvas screen on which the lunar views were thrown. Then life burst upon the observers: brown quadrupeds like buffaloes, only smaller, and with shades over the eyes to protect them from the extremes of light and darkness of the lunar landscape; also an animal about the size of a goat, of a bluish lead colour, with a single horn. On the shores of the lake they caught just a feeble glimpse of a "strange amphibious creature of a spherical form, which rolled with great velocity across the pebbly beach," to be lost in the swirling tide. Finally, the astronomers, looking upon the cliffs and crags of a new part of the moon, made the most sensational of their discoveries:

"Whilst gazing upon them in a perspective of about half a mile, we were thrilled with astonishment to perceive four successive flocks of large winged creatures, wholly unlike any kind of birds, descend with a slow, even motion from the cliffs on the western side and alight upon the plain. They were first noticed by Dr. Herschel, who exclaimed:

"Now, gentlemen, my theories against your proofs, which you have often found a pretty even bet, we have here something worth looking at. I was confident that if ever we found beings in human shape it would be in this longitude, and that they would be provided by their Creator with some extraordinary powers of locomotion. First, exchange for my Number D."

#### Through Another Lens.

This lens having been introduced, the creatures were seen to resemble human beings, only with lovely wings and playful spirits. The astronomers named them vespertilio, homo, or man-bat. Such were the revelations, with infinite technical detail to support them, so powerfully that even Mr. Locke's scientific contemporaries were taken in. Who would ever have read the truth in those "calm and luminous eyes" about which Edgar Allan Poe wrote, or suspected that forehead, "truly beautiful in its intellectuality," of concealing an imagination put to such purposes? Long after he confessed to a colleague on another newspaper that he was the author of the articles. The *Sun* fended skillfully with the skeptics, quite content with the circulation and prestige which his extraordinary hoax had brought to it.

### MODERN WOMAN IN TURKEY.

A BOARD-SHIP TALK WITH  
MME. HALIDE EDIB.

#### HAREMS OBSOLETE.

A slight, almost frail woman, five feet two inches high perhaps, with dark, careful eyes and a slow smile, Mme. Halide Edib is yet one of the most striking women in the troubled history of Turkey.

#### Women Lawyers in Constantinople.

Smoking Turkish cigarettes with Western ease, she sat and drove away my hoary ideas of harems and veils as she told me something of the struggle for emancipation that woman in the New Turkey, that of Angora and Mustapha Kemal, has been making and is still making. So-called emancipation, she says, is a gradual process. Changes since the Great War have been slight. Recently, however, a steady flow of women into the professions has been noticeable. There are women lawyers now in Constantinople in increasing numbers and women doctors. There are large numbers in the teaching profession.

#### Where Active Feminism Is Not Permitted.

It is this gradual taking up of the reins of public life side by side with men that will eventually, Mme. Halide Edib is convinced, lead to a similar co-partnership in the realm of politics. It is only a matter of time, she says, before the Turkish woman has the vote.

Women are not pressing for the vote in Turkey. They are not allowed to do so. Active feminist societies are not permitted under the present régime. But the war showed in every country that woman could play her part in the ordering of the nation's business, and as in England so in Turkey the nurse and the munitions-maker and the careful housewife all showed that recognition was due and not long to be delayed.

#### The End Of The Harem.

Mme. Halide Edib spoke of the harem. She declared with finality that the harem hardly exists to-day. The polygamous system is practised only by a few wealthy merchants throughout the countryside. With the legal introduction of the Swiss Code in 1923, the practice of monogamy, long recognised as the more worthy marriage code, became practically universal. Polygamy, in short, is not "done" in the best circles. As an institution of odalisms, narghiles and the divan all day long the harem years ago ceased to exist.

#### A Famous Graduate.

Mme. Halide Edib herself symbolises the new Turkish woman. She is the first Moslem woman to whom the American College for Women in Constantinople awarded the B.A. degree, and to-day she remains its most famous graduate. During the war she held a post in the Turkish Army. In 1920, hunted by British soldiers, she escaped from Constantinople hidden under charcoal bags on an ox-cart guided by Anatolian irregulars.

#### To Return To London.

Exiled from Angora in 1924, she came to London, to make her home among the same British who had sought her present American tour—she is lecturing first at the Institute of Politics, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and later throughout the length and breadth of the United States—she is coming back to London, in January.

#### Many Novels To Her Credit.

She has two sons. One is at the London School of Economics. The other is at Columbia University, New York. Mme. Halide Edib is a novelist whose name is known wherever Turkish is read. "I am a novelist," she says, "not a politician." Her first novel, "Ruined Temples," was published in 1910. Her second, "Handan," in 1911, became very popular. Her third, "New Turan," a semi-political novel written on her second visit to London, in 1912, had a great success. Since then she has written continuously, and her public is as large as the Turkish land is wide. She recently wrote the story of her life.

#### A Believer In Democracy.

Though she says she is not a politician, Turkey's greatest feminist nevertheless holds strong ideas on political theory. Personal rule, one would say, is anathema to her. Whether she is right or wrong, she has majority on her side in staking for democracy as a political creed. Right or wrong, she regards democracy as the least imperfect of known systems.—R.H.M.

#### 30 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

##### Vicor, France.

Succi, the Italian, who has spent 30 days in a glass case in an attempt to break the world's fasting record, was obliged to give up the attempt owing to the intense heat.—Exchange.

Two years ago Mr. John Crowley, a London accountant, completed a 30-days fast. In 1920 Alderman McSwaney, Lord Mayor of Cork, fasted for 30 days on the 14th day of his refusal to take food.

### ROAD WAR MOVE.

RAILWAYS PLANNING THEIR  
MOTOR-COACH SERVICES.

London, Aug. 11th.

The railway companies, now that the Royal Assent has been given to their five Bills, are arranging the great motor-coach services with which they hope to recapture their lost passenger trade. They are doing so under such conditions of secrecy that the road transport companies cannot learn their plans.

Comparatively small departments that have dealt with the road operations of the railway companies will grow within the next few months into departments only next in importance to the goods and railway passenger branches.

As yet only the broader details of the schemes are being arranged. Such questions as times and stopping places are to be considered later. One group has decided to build a road transport organisation round each of the leading towns on its system, based on the knowledge that the greatest transport need for people in the smaller towns, villages and hamlets is to get to and from "the city."

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Bucharest	70.71
Buenos Aires	47.11/32
New York	4.85/7/32
Geneva	25.50
Milan	92.10
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	18.15
Prague	22.365
Madrid	37.41
Athens	5.99/32
Rio	1/5, 12/18
Bombay	1/102
Yokohama	2/7
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/7
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Silver (forward)	27.7/16

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Chartered Banks	222 buy
Mercantile Banks, A. & B.	232 nom.
Do.	O. 214 nom.
P. & O. Banks	232 nom.
East Asia Bank	277 buy
Canton Insurance	\$820 buy, 700 sell, 693 aa
Union Insurance	338 buy
North China Ins.	115.148 buy
Yangtze Insurance	1.950 nom.
China Underwriters	\$2.55 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$385 buy
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$300 sel.
Douglas	\$381 nom.
H.K. Steamships	\$282 buy
H.K. Tugs	\$3 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$35 buy
Do. (Def.)	\$724 buy
Shell Transport	1107 nom.
Waterboats	\$31 buy
Bombards	\$215 buy
Kailan Mining Admin.	\$54 nom.
Langkai (combined)	110 sel.
Do. (single)	115.5 sel.
S'hai Explorations	115.245 nom.
Shanghai Loans	115.31 nom.
Banks	\$41 buy
Tranoh Mines	176 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$138 buy
H.K. & W. Docks	\$37 nom.
China Provident	\$5.70 buy
Hongkong	\$41.68 nom.
New Engineering	115.5 nom.
Shanghai Docks	115.100 nom.
Evo Cottons	115.350 buy
Oriental Cottons	115.240 buy
S'hai Cottons (old)	115.514 nom.
Do. (new)	115.274 nom.
H.K. & B. Hotels	\$3.80 buy; \$3.84 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$364 buy
Shanghai Lands	\$15 buy; \$15.5 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$74 sel.
H.K. Realities	\$74 sel.
H.K. Tramways	\$24.50 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$13 buy
Do. (new)	\$6.85 nom.
Star Ferries	\$44 buy
China Lights (old)	\$12.40 sel.
Do. (new)	\$12 buy
Do. (1928 Lease)	\$12 buy; \$12.5 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$52 buy; \$52.5 sel.
Do. (new)	\$31.5 sel.
Macao Electric	\$382 buy
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China Buses	115.11 buy
Singapore Tractors	115.12 nom.
Do. (Prof.)	115.176 buy; 18/6 sel.
China Sugars	\$14 sel.
Malabon Sugars	\$17 nom.
Oni. Inc.	\$34 sel.
Cementa (combined)	\$49 buy
Do. (old)	\$14 nom.
Do. (new)	\$14 nom.
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Do. (new)	\$6.30 nom.
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Mackintoshes	\$20 nom.
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ENGLAND'S TRAFFIC  
WAR.RAILWAY FARE REDUC-  
TIONS.MEETING MOTOR COACH  
COMPETITION.EVENING TRIPS FOR  
BATHERS.

LONDON, August 16th.

The four great railway companies are embarking on a vigorous policy to recapture passenger traffic which has been lost to suburban omnibuses and to long-distance motor-coaches. Many reductions in fares are announced by the London and North-Eastern Company. They will chiefly affect suburban traffic, and will be at "omnibus rates." The other companies are going to follow the same plan.

At the same time lower fares are being introduced for longer journeys, where motor-coach competition has led to reductions in railway receipts.

Railway traffic receipts for the past three weeks show a reduction of £273,000 compared with last year. Last week the London Midland and Scottish and London and North-Eastern railways had an increase in passenger receipts, but a larger goods decrease. The Southern showed a small net increase.

## COMPANIES' NEW POLICY.

"The new policy of the four great railway companies is to reduce fares and at the same time increase facilities."

This statement was made by an official of the Railway Companies Association to a *Daily Express* representative.

"It has been decided," he added, "to make sweeping cuts in all the popular centres so that people will be able to travel as cheaply by rail as by omnibus or motor-coach."

"The companies have been led to take this drastic step by the tremendous success of the return-journey-for-single-fare plan, which has been tried in a number of selected centres."

## Cheap Ticket Increases.

"Cheap-fare passengers have increased by 9,000,000. More than 20,000,000 cheap tickets were purchased in May of this year, as against 21,600,000 in May 1927. We are successfully meeting road competition."

The return-journey-for-single-fare plan is to be extended, it is understood, to Manchester, Birmingham, Bradford, Leeds, Bristol, Newcastle, Hull, and other towns.

In the north-eastern area of the London and North-Eastern system railway travel will be cheaper than road, and in East Anglia some fares will be reduced to the pre-war level of a penny a mile.

Large cuts are also imminent in South Wales and on the Southern Railway routes.

Return tickets for the single fare will be offered this week by the Southern Railway—which has already initiated the half-fare scheme within a fifteen-mile radius of its London stations—from centres further afield, such as Leatherhead, Reigate, Redhill, Ashted, and Merstham.

## L.N.E.R. Statement.

An announcement by the L. and N.E. Railway Company states:—

"The reduction of local fares is being made round a number of large towns on the L.N.E.R. system. Between 250 and 350 new low fares for both single and return journeys are being introduced round each of the centres, which shows the wide extent of the reductions."

South Wales towns are receiving special attention from the Great Western Railway, but all the important districts on the system will, it is stated, benefit by the policy.

A Great Western official said:—"We are meeting road competition in Devonshire successfully by giving 6d. evening trips for bathing from Exeter to Dawlish and Teignmouth, and from Newton Abbot to Torquay."

"The offer of a double journey for single fare has been extended, and applies to places like Henley-on-Thames, Iwer (Buckinghamshire), Landley, Maidenhead, Pangbourne, Reading, and Windsor."

"In some instances the railway fare is less than the omnibus fare for the same journey."

## "MOTOR SLEEPERS" FIRST RUN.

On Board the *Albatross*. "All aboard for Liverpool!" The door slammed. Two thousand Londoners shouted "Good luck!" and the *Albatross*, the first "motor-sleeper" took to the road on its romantic maiden trip.

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HANGED IN THE  
STREET.

RIOTS IN FRENCH COLONY.

POISON IN EX-M.P.'S FOOD.

PARIS.

A dramatic story of colonial intrigue which culminated in the poisoning of M. Jean Galmot, the former Deputy to the French Parliament for French Guiana (South America), and the killing of six people in riots which followed his death, is contained in a report from the Governor of the colony which reached the Ministry for the Colonies a month ago.

On the night of the poisoning the police put the colony in a turmoil. The convict settlement of Devil's Island and Cayenne are in French Guiana, and it was feared that if the rioters got the upper hand they might release the 3,000 criminals imprisoned.

The Governor states that grave tension had followed the last general election, but was relaxing when M. Galmot was taken ill. He was one of the notabilities of the colony, although he was under suspended sentence in connection with an army rum scandal.

He died of arsenical poisoning after declaring his belief that he had been poisoned by broth given him by his old and trusted cook Adrienne.

## Civil War.

The news of Galmot's death caused civil war. A municipal official of Cayenne, named Larose, who was an enemy of Galmot, laughed when the news spread, and was stoned to death by an infuriated crowd. While Larose was dying M. Bourgaire, a county councillor, passed on his bicycle. He was dragged from the machine by a mob, which included a large number of women, and killed.

When night fell the mob organised a man-hunt under cover of darkness. Finding a municipal councillor named Thabis hiding in an attic between two mattresses, they dragged him out and killed him. They went to the home of another town councillor, M. Jubel, dragged him into the street, and hanged him.

## Hiding In Prison.

The head of the board school administration, M. Jean Clement, who was also one of Galmot's enemies, was found hiding in a cell in the civil prison, and was also lynched.

With the small force of gendarmerie at his disposal, the Governor arrested the cook, Adrienne, and got her into the convict settlement disguised as a man. It was not until 24 hours later that order was restored.

There were twelve of us on board, and we set out an hour before midnight from a Bloomsbury hotel to add another chapter to the history of road transport.

A whole family—father, mother, and seventeen-year-old daughter—were quartered in comfortable sleeping berths at the back. The girl had come from a London hospital, where she had undergone an operation for appendicitis. She is going to recuperate at Blackpool. She thrilled at the prospect of this night journey by road to the North.

## No Thought Of Sleep.

Her enthusiasm spread like an epidemic. No one thought of sleeping, as the night road express slipped noiselessly to the Northern Heights. We sat in our bunks looking through the windows at the lights of London slowly dimming.

The women retired for the night, but we men sat staring through our port-hole windows.

We raced on to St. Albans at thirty miles an hour, dashed through as midnight was chiming, and then the open country again. Lustrable had gone to bed when we slipped by; a lonely policeman blinked at us and waved a "Carry on."

A debonair attendant came along with ten and biscuits. He was one of the three who had put this wonder coach on the road. His name was Chirgwin, and his father was the famous music-hall artist, the "White-eyed Kaffir," who used to blacken the whole of his face with the exception of one eye.

Mr. Chirgwin and two others, one a business man and the other a chartered accountant, met in an office near the Stock Exchange one day in May and talked about the conquest of the road by night. The result was the car in which we sped along the highway.

## A Hand At The Wheel.

Mr. Chirgwin left us to take a hand at the wheel while his comrade of the night, snatched an hour's rest. We undressed and put on our sleeping suits, but the panorama of the night intrigued us. We could not resist the temptation to look out of the windows at the countryside bathed in the radiance of our headlights.

So we raced along to Warrington to let one passenger catch his connection to Manchester, and then on to Liverpool.

Miners and cotton spinners stared at us as we dashed past; children shouted.

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DOUBT OF HOME  
SECRETARY.WHY HE REPRIEVED THE  
BRIGHTON MURDERERS.

SECOND THOUGHTS.

LONDON, August 16th.

An official statement was issued from the Home Office yesterday in explanation of Sir William Joynson-Hicks' action in reprieving the three Brighton murderers at the eleventh hour on Tuesday, thus rescinding his previous decision of Monday.

The men—Percival Taylor, James Weaver, and George T. Donovan, were to have been executed yesterday.

The statement is as follows:—"It is unusual for the Home Secretary to make any statement about capital cases other than the official notification of his decision, but as the Brighton murder has excited public interest, the Home Secretary thinks it desirable to amplify the official statement issued last night (Tuesday) regarding the three prisoners convicted of the murder."

"It is not within the competence of the Home Secretary to retry a case."

"The three prisoners have been found guilty by the jury, who had opportunities of hearing the evidence on oath of the witnesses for the prosecution and the defence, and of observing their demeanour in the witness-box, and the conviction was upheld by the Court of Criminal Appeal."

## Proper Function.

"The proper function and the only function of the Home Secretary is to decide whether, when a prisoner has been convicted of murder and as a necessary consequence sentenced to the only penalty prescribed by law for this offence, there are any circumstances which would justify him in recommending mitigation of that penalty, or whether the law should be allowed to take its course."

"In considering this question the Home Secretary is bound by no rules of procedure."

"He takes every relevant circumstance into consideration, and consults with any person who is in a position to give him useful information or assistance. Until the last moment it is not too late for him, and it is, indeed, his duty, to advise the exercise of the royal prerogative if, in the discharge of his anxious responsibility, he thinks the circumstances justify such a course."

"In the case of the Brighton murder, the Home Secretary has for many days been giving the most careful consideration to all the circumstances, and yesterday, upon a further review of the case, felt justified in reconsidering his previous decision not to interfere with the sentence passed by the court."

## Jury's Verdict.

"The Home Secretary thinks it desirable to point out that his recommendation for the exercise of the royal prerogative does not cast any reflection upon the justice of the jury's verdict or the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal, but he has felt just that element of doubt in this case which, in his opinion, makes it undesirable that the irrevocable penalty should be inflicted."

"There are many precedents for commuting a sentence of death in cases where the Home Secretary has felt it unsafe to allow the irrevocable penalty to be inflicted."

Mr. Graham Hooper, who acted for one of the men, described the Home Secretary's statement as "extraordinary," and added, "The last has not yet been heard of this case."

None of the three reprieved men, now condemned to penal servitude for life, will enjoy the privileges of the "star" class of prisoners, since all are disqualified by criminal records from being graded as "first offenders."

## BLACKMAILERS AT WORK.

FAKING FALSE EVIDENCE  
AT BRIGHTON.

BRIGHTON.

Commenting on the case the *Daily Express* says:

Sensational facts may now be disclosed of the desperate attempts made by Brighton gangsters to save the lives of the three men whose eleventh-hour reprieve, after being condemned to death for the murder of a local retired chemist, was announced last night.

Deliberate attempts to fabricate evidence to save the prisoners from the gallows have been unmasked by the Brighton police.

It has been discovered that a wealthy local man, who is in the hands of the blackmail gang that infests the sea-front, and who is said to have paid out £2,000 in "hush money" in the last two years, was told that he must provide an alibi for two of the convicted men.

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## Truth To Police.

A proof of his "evidence" was then sent to the authorities through an intermediary. The blackmail victim, however, refused to substantiate the statement, although great pressure was brought to bear on him, and he put the police in possession of the true facts.

Another attempt was made to exonerate the same two men by implicating a man who is serving a sentence of imprisonment at Portsmouth. It was said that the clothes he wore at the time of his arrest were purchased by him with money stolen from Mr. Smith (the murdered man) on the night of the attack.

Detectives went to the prison and interviewed the man. They were able to prove conclusively that the suit had been bought some time before the crime was committed.

All these false statements were eliminated from consideration some time before the Home Secretary made his eleventh-hour decision to reprieve the men; but the Brighton police were working on the case right up to the last moment in case any new facts could be unearthed which would put a new complexion on the crime.

## CAR CRASHES ON THE FILMS.

A remarkable film in which a duel is fought between two knights of the road, with motor-cars as weapons, has just been seen in London.

Two college boys quarrel as to which of them shall take a fair darts for a joy-ride. They decide to settle the point in grim fashion by seeing who can put the other's car out of action first.

The stage is cleared and the duel begins, the cars butting each other like a couple of wild goats. Time after time the one crashes into the other—and the audience shudder for the safety of the dare-devil drivers. Bumpers, bolts, screws and a miscellaneous collection of bits and pieces pepper the air. With apparently no regard for personal safety, these enterprising duellists continue the fight hot and strong, until, after an amazing climax, the unlucky one takes the knock-out.

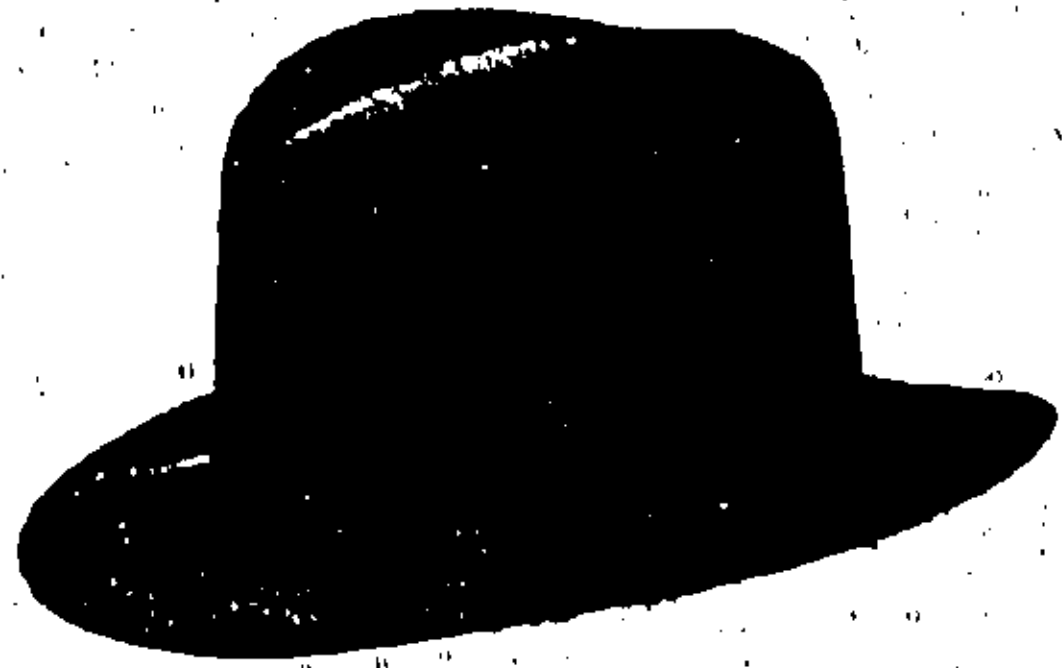
This extraordinary episode, says *The Light Car and Cyclecar*, owes its effect largely to the slow-motion process.



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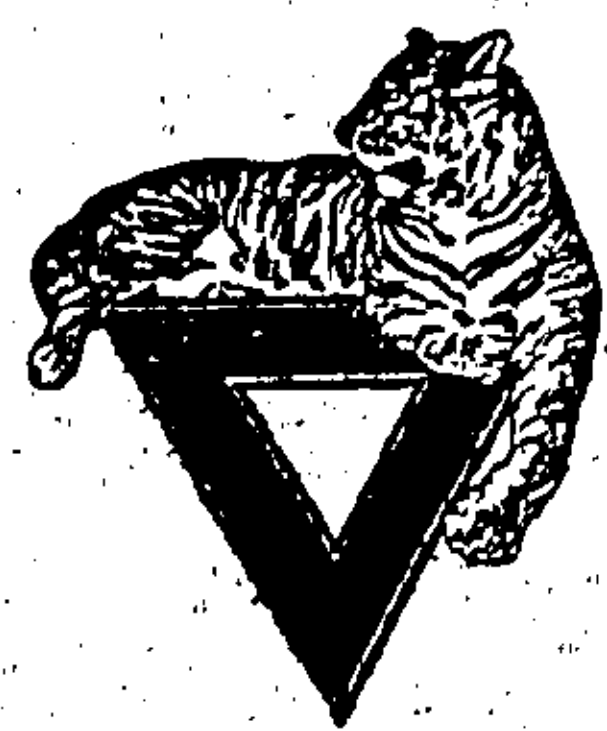
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### ROYAL TRAIN COMFORT.

GOLD AND WHITE COLOUR  
SCHEME.

THE QUEEN'S SALOON OF  
BLUE.

Most people believe that the royal train is the property of the King, and that he and the other members of the Royal Family travel free. This is not the case. Each of the four railway groups maintains a train for the special use of the King and Queen, and when it is in commission the King pays 13s. 4d. a mile in addition to first-class fares for all the royal party and the members of the suite and the Household accompanying them.

Long before the royal train is timed to pass those places at which there are level-crossings the gates are locked, for half an hour before the train enters a given section all shunting operations stop, and all goods trains in sidings have to be specially examined by the brakemen to see that no load has shifted and that everything is well clear of the main line.

Mechanical methods of signalling trains are as perfect as the science of the railway engineer can make them. But the possibility of a broken rod or an extinguished light, rare as such accidents are, or dense fog has not been lost sight of, and provision is made for the progress of the train to be signalled mile by mile with lamp or flag. Nearly 600 miles of human signallers!

#### Engine Of Perfect Type.

The instructions given to the locomotive department are that they should provide an engine of the most perfect type for each section of the journey, and great care is taken that only the most experienced drivers and firemen are employed, and that these men should have had proper test before their duties begin. Before the train starts from Euston the officials will know that not only has every man warned for duty received his instructions, but that an acknowledgment that he understands the commands of his superiors has also been made.

Four sharp rings repeated three times is the signal-box announcement that the royal train is approaching. In the train will be a special staff of telephone operators and line-men, and they have the privilege at any time it is brought to a standstill to tap the wires alongside the line. Their call-signal—IX—takes priority over all other communications.

Throughout the train is fitted with every imaginable contrivance for comfort. The decoration of the interior is said to be unequalled in any rolling stock in existence, the colour scheme including much gold and ivory white.

Polished teak double doors open on to a square vestibule leading out of which is the King's smoking room, finished in "apple back" mahogany. In each corner there is an armchair covered in apple green morocco leather, and on each side a handsome mahogany table.

Next to the smoking room is the day compartment. Some of the furniture is trimmed in green silk rep, provided by desire of the Queen. The rest is trimmed in Jacobean tapestry. Leading from the day compartment is the King's bedroom, with a silver-plated bed and satinwood dressing table and furniture. Further on is the bathroom, which was installed during the war, when their Majesties lived in the train for a week at a time, visiting munition factories and other centres of war activity.

#### The Queen's Saloon.

The Queen's saloon has a colour scheme of blue, her favourite colour. The dining-car is a sumptuous coach; the kitchen a model. The mechanical contrivances of all the coaches to reduce oscillation and jarring are such that, even at maximum speed, a letter can be written in perfect comfort.

In the royal suite saloon behind the dining car travel the equestrian and other members of the royal suite. In each of the compartments of the King's saloon there is a bell-push marked "Equerry," and every other vehicle on the train in which the equerry on duty is likely to travel is fitted with sockets. The equerry has a portable electric bell which he puts into a socket wherever he may be sitting.

Telephones are fitted throughout the train, so that the staff in front can communicate with those in the rear without passing through the royal saloons, and special telephones on the engine give communication between the officials on the footplate and those in the train.

### PHILIPPINES AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

ATTACKED.

GANG REPULSED BY  
GUARDS.

MANILA, September 2nd.

Two persons were killed and two others wounded when armed guards of the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines, at Los Baños, repelled an attack of a gang at midnight on Friday. The purpose of the gang was undoubtedly to loot the college, especially of P.5,000 cash which was taken there four days before to pay the wages of workmen employed in construction work on the college ground.

One of the killed is reported to be a guard of the college, and the other being one of the gangsters. Of the wounded one belonged to the college corps of sentries and the other to the band of robbers. The wounded gangster named Basilio Mulingtapan, a native of Tanauan, Batangas, was brought to the Philippine General Hospital yesterday. He was wounded in the abdomen, and according to physicians at the hospital, he is in a serious condition. The robber killed named "Mundo" Mulingtapan, was his brother.

News received in Manila, was to the effect that the gangsters numbered four. They came from Santo Tomas, Batangas, and planned their attack on the administration building towards the southern end. Immediately after the exchange of shots, the two other gangsters fled when they saw their two companions had been hit and had fallen. Only two of the guards took part in the fighting as the three others were stationed in other parts of the college grounds.

It appears that the robbers had gained access to the building and the noise caused by the opening of a window gave the alarm to the guards stationed in that part of the building. The two guards went to investigate, and no sooner did they discover the window had been opened than one of the band approached the first guard and cut his head with a bolo. The guard was still able to whip out his gun and fire several times, killing "Mundo" Mulingtapan.—*Manila Times*.

### SINGAPORE JEWEL ROBBERY.

SHOP RAIDED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

SINGAPORE, Aug. 30th.

Following upon the sensational robbery of a jeweller's shop in Selegie Road some weeks ago, a similar coup has been brought off by a Cantonese gang armed with pistols in a shop in North Bridge Road. Whether these robberies were the work of the same gang is not known, but they were both carried out with great boldness and in broad daylight, and both showed evidence of careful planning beforehand. The jewellery stolen yesterday was valued at \$10,000.

The shop is a few yards away from the junction of Rochere Road and North Bridge Road, and it was not until after an assistant, watching from the doorway of the shop, saw the departing robbers turn into the former thoroughfare that the alarm was raised. The assistant told the policeman on traffic duty at the junction, but by then the robbers had disappeared. Whether they got away in a motor-car or whether they separated and mixed with the crowd is not known.

There were five assistants to the shop when the robbers entered, and the managing partner, Mr. Boey Yin Loong, was being shown some jewellery by two representatives of Chop Kuen Heng, of Mosque Street. The robbers walked in together. They acted with great dispatch and a remarkable show of efficiency, each man going about what apparently was his pre-arranged part in the robbery. Two men went to the show cases, one took his place at the front door, and the other three herded the assistants into a corner.

Great discrimination was exercised in the choice of jewellery, and, as in the Selegie Road affair, they seemed to know in which cases the valuables were kept. Having collected the booty, they were taken out with a warning of what might be expected if any attempt was made to follow them.

Police investigations are proceeding.—*Strait Times*.

### TWO NEW TAXI-CAB COMPANIES.

MORRIS OXFORDS AND HILLMAN SALOONS.

NEW SERVICE STARTS TO-DAY.

Commencing this morning, a new Chinese Taxi-cab Company—to be known as the Hong Kong and Shanghai Taxi-cab Company—are placing at the disposal of the public a fleet of handsome Morris Oxford Saloons as Taxi-cabs. They are equipped with the usual taxi-cab meter and the fares will be the same as those of the taxi-cabs at present in service. The new taxi-cabs have been tested by the Police Traffic Department and they emerged from the trial with honours. No doubt many of our readers saw these vehicles being tried yesterday and noticed their graceful lines. They are of a dark yellow colour with a neat red band in stream-line fashion. We understand that the drivers will wear uniforms which will match the colour effects of the car.

#### Silent Meters.

An interesting feature of these taxi-cabs is the fare meter, which is not only placed inside the car and in full view of the person inside, but is silent in action. The monotonous "click click" of the older type of meter is not pleasant music to those who "pay the piper" and the new meter should be a popular innovation. The drive of these meters is similar to that of a speedometer and not the older cam and rocker.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that although the vehicles are owned by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Taxi-cab Company, they are to be known as the "Hong Pin" (Red Line) taxi-cabs. The proprietor of the concern is Mr. Shu Kung Ho, with offices in St. George's Buildings.

#### Mechanically Sound.

These taxi-cabs have been supplied by the Motoring Department of the Hong Kong Hotel, who are the sole agents of the Morris Cars. The chassis are fitted with 14.28 h.p. motors with special gear ratios for hill work in Hong Kong. The cars are also fitted with special low gear on the rear axle.

#### Does The Peak On Top.

The capabilities of these new taxi-cabs can be judged from the fact that they accomplished on Police tests. With four passengers, the cars were driven from the Hong Kong Hotel Garage at the bottom of Stubbs Road to the Peak Hotel all the way on top gear. This is certainly a meritorious feat for a 14 h.p. motor. The drivers were also tested by the Police and are all experienced men.

Nine of these taxi-cars will be placed on the roads this morning and the tenth is being assembled.

#### Another Company To Be Run At Both Hong Kong And Kowloon.

Another company—known as the Luen Hing Taxi-cab Company—has ordered a fleet of twenty Hillman saloons for use as taxi-cabs both in Hong Kong and Kowloon. They are also equipped with 14 h.p. motors, and are expected to be placed on the road in the near future.

#### Tramway Company Prepares The Route.

It will be noticed that sign-posts are being erected at various positions as "stop" stations for the proposed Motor Bus Service by the Hong Kong Tramway Company. With the addition of taxi-cabs and bus services by both the Tramway Company and the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong will be able to boast of very efficient motor transportation.

### GIRL BATHERS FINED.

MARCHED TO POLICE STATION.

BUDAPEST.

Owing to the prolonged spell of almost tropical weather, Danube bathers have acquired the habit of bathing establishments in bathing dress. The police are of the opinion that walking in the streets in bathing costumes is improper and have threatened action.

The Budapest mayor's representative has, however, sided with the bathers, and they will be permitted to remain cool while dining.

Visitors to Lake Balaton were dismayed to find the Budapest régime not in force there. Police now patrol the beach.

A line has been drawn beyond which bathers are not allowed to venture.

To get a group of 10 girls properly in focus an amateur photographer posed them just beyond the boundary line. Glad only in bathing dresses the 10 bathers were immediately marched to the police station by gendarmes with fixed bayonets and fined 6s. 8d. each.

### "EVER READY" BATTERIES.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF TRADE MARK.

KOWLOON MAKERS SUMMONED.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, three Chinese firms engaged in the manufacture or sale of electric batteries were summoned for the alleged infringement of the trade mark of the "Ever-ready" batteries. The complainant was Mr. R. G. de G. Damsell, representing the National Carbon Company, the owners of the trade mark.

Mr. Leo d'Amada appeared for the Pak Ming Battery Company, of No. 18, Nanking Street, who were charged on three counts. An application for an adjournment was granted until Monday morning.

The Chung Wah Company, of No. 139, Laichikok Road, was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and the summons against this firm was adjourned until Thursday morning.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, for the Kwang Tung Company, entered a plea of not guilty and stated he was ready to proceed with the case.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, who prosecuted, said that the complainant in his case was a special representative of the National Carbon Company who were manufacturers in America of electric batteries, flash-lights and similar articles. They had been established for over 12 years, during which time they had supplied goods not only to Hong Kong but to the Far East and in fact all over the world. They had the exclusive use of the trade mark "Ever-ready."

#### "Certain Discoveries In Kowloon."

During the past few years it had come to the knowledge of the complainants that their trade rights were being infringed, but they had been unable to discover where the goods were being made. They had suspected that the infringing goods were being manufactured in Kowloon, and recently certain discoveries were made when the special representative obtained search warrants which were executed by police officers on suspected places.

At present, Mr. Hugh Jones continued, he was only concerned with the Kwang Tung Company, of No. 182, Tai Nam Street. A search of the premises showed that extensive manufacture of batteries was going on, but it was the labels which infringed the complainant's trade marks. It was pointed out that the trade mark conferred the right to the exclusive use of the colours of that trade mark.

At this stage Mr. Hugh Jones remarked that he would have to open the case again, as the defendants must be reminded that they were entitled to be tried before a judge and jury.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Lo said he had intended to ask that the case be dealt with summarily and would waive the formality.

Mr. Hugh Jones then asked his Worship to accept his opening statement. After going into the charges and referring his Worship to the sections under which they were brought, Mr. Hugh Jones called Sergt. Brittain who executed the search warrant.

The case was adjourned.

### HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending Sept. 1st gives the following record of cases:—

#### Plague.

Basra: 1 case.  
Port Said: 1 death.  
Rangoon: 3 deaths.  
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.  
Pnom Penh: 1 case, 1 death.

#### Cholera.

Bombay: 2 deaths.  
Calcutta: 7 deaths.  
Madras: 34 deaths.  
Vizagapatam: 5 deaths.  
Pondicherry: 2 deaths.

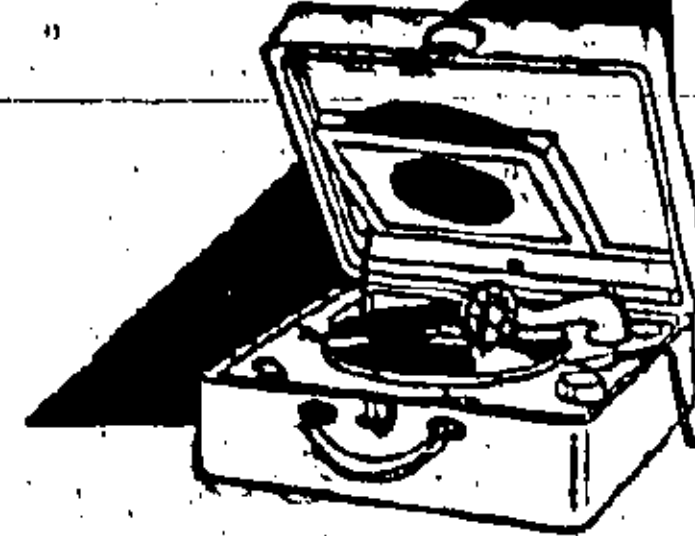
#### Bangkok.

Bangkok: 1 case.  
Pnom Penh: 1 case, 1 death.  
Shanghai: 1 case.

#### Small-pox.

Port Sudan: 1 case, 1 death.  
Bombay: 4 cases, 3 deaths.  
Calcutta: 4 cases, 3 deaths.  
Madras: 10 cases, 5 deaths.  
Moulmein: 4 cases, 1 death.  
Negapatam: 7 cases, 3 deaths.  
Pondicherry: 3 deaths.  
Poutianak: 1 case.  
Pnom Penh: 4 cases, 3 deaths.  
Shanghai: 1 case.

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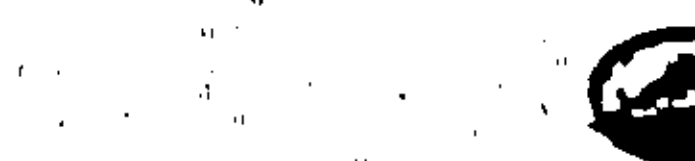
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### LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

BUSINESS MORE ACTIVE.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in their weekly report on the local share market, dated yesterday, state:—Business during the past week has been decidedly more active, and rates in most instances have shown an improving tendency. Marine and Fire Insurance shares have received considerable attention, while there has been a good general demand for most stocks with higher quotations all round.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks, after sales in the early part of the week at \$1,285 have strengthened and were booked up to \$1,300. The London quotation is slightly higher at \$138.100 (Middle). Unions have further advanced to \$389 at which figure they have been dealt in. A good demand for Hong Kong Fire has lifted the price to \$906, and a fair amount of business has resulted. Cantons have also had a smart rise and were negotiated up to \$90. They close slightly easier with sales made at \$700. China Underwriters again changed hands at \$2.55.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are in strong request and have buyers at \$22 after transactions at this rate. Kowloon Wharves were dealt in at \$129. Whampoa Docks can be placed at \$37. China Providents are a shade firmer and business has been done at \$5.70.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels have recovered to a buying quotation of \$8.70 with sales reported at \$8.80. Hong Kong Lands advanced further \$203. Humphreys Estates were taken off the market at \$15. Hong Kong Trams were bought to a fair extent at \$24.40.

Hong Kong Electric (Old) closed appreciably higher at \$52. China Lights (Old) were realised at the improved quotation of \$12. Hong Kong Telephones were put through at \$7. Star Ferries have firmed up to \$64. Green Island Cements (Combined) have moved upwards to \$9.65.

Dairy Farms closed the turn higher at \$32.40. Lane, Crawford and have firmed up to \$24. Watsons are to be had at \$14. Waterboats were bid up to \$21.

Ewo Cottons continue in demand at \$16. Singapore Tractions are on offer at 15/-, while the Preference shares have buyers at 17/6.

### CHARTERED BANK.

INTERIM DIVIDEND.

The Hong Kong branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China have received advice from the Head Office that the Directors have declared an interim dividend for the past half year at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum free of income-tax.



**MERCHANTS' HOPES UNWARRANTED.****CANTON'S FRUIT TAX TO STAND.****GOVERNMENT OB DURATE.****STRIKE TO CONTINUE.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, September 7th.

The strike of the Canton wholesale fruit dealers is still going on, and no satisfactory agreement has as yet been made with the Government. Ever since they closed down their businesses some three weeks ago, these merchants have been petitioning the Government to abolishing the 2½ per cent. *ad valorem* import tax but without result.

The latest report is that the Chamber of Commerce has taken up the matter on behalf of the fruit dealers. Written petitions were sent by the Chamber of the Canton Branch Political Council, the Provincial Administration and the Canton Municipal Government. Both the Provincial Administration and the Municipal Government refused to consider the petition, maintaining that the tax should be levied and collected. They said in answer to the Canton Chamber of Commerce that such a small tax is no burden on the merchants who could easily add this very small amount to their selling prices.

The Canton Branch Political Council, however, took up a somewhat different attitude. It is inclined to support the merchants and believes in the repeal of the tax. But its decision on the matter was not clear. It merely decided at its last meeting to "leave it to the discretion of the Canton Municipal Government." The merchants were for a time led to believe that the Municipal Government would, in view of the action of the Political Council, rescind its former order.

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There was general satisfaction and they sent a group of representatives to the Mayor's Office in the City Hall on the Bund to inquire whether or not the good news was true. The Mayor was not in, and they were received by a secretary who informed them that if the Political Council wanted to abolish this tax, the Municipality would have no objection. The merchants construed this statement as a favourable reply to their request. But their hopes were shattered yesterday when Mayor Lin Wen Kai told them that the Municipal Government had no intention of rescinding its order and that the 2½ per cent. *ad valorem* fruit import tax is going to stand.

The merchants are, however, still holding out and are prepared to continue their strike. In conversation with a wholesale fruit merchant, our correspondent learned that the merchants do not intend to yield. The Municipal Government would only get \$30,000 per annum from this source of taxation which was insignificant compared with other sources of income, but it made a great difference to the merchants. He could see no reason why the Government should not cancel this abominable and oppressive fruit import tax.

**THE CENTRAL BANK.****NEW PREMISES AT KONGMOON.**

The opening of new malooos in Kongmoon necessitated partial demolition of the premises occupied by the branch of the Central Bank, and the removal of the bank has been decided upon. A roomy building situated close to the present bank building has been selected and the Provincial Government has been requested to instruct the Kongmoon Municipality to take over this building and compensate the owner of the property.

The premises occupy an area of over 21 *cheng*, at the prevailing land value of \$800 per *cheng* the market value of the premises including the value of the building is \$18,100.

In the course of investigations made by the Central Bank of Canton, it was found that this building was formerly part of the property of a temple, and that the present owner purchased the lot from the Department of Finance at a cost of only \$200 per *cheng* for \$4,300. The Bank submits that compensation to the owner should be calculated on this basis, particularly as the bank being a Government organ, the transaction should be treated on special terms.

The Provincial Government supports the contention of the Bank, and the Kongmoon Municipality has been instructed to notify the property owner to this effect. *Canton Gazette.*

**CHINESE HIGHWAYS.****A ROAD TO WHITE CLOUD.****DELAYS OWING TO LACK OF FUNDS.**

The bandits of White Cloud Mountain of whom we had a story from our Chinese correspondent yesterday will have to find another headquarters soon unless they take up the not dissimilar rôle of highwaymen, for according to the *Canton Gazette* a road is to be built through their territory.

The *Gazette* says:—The Bureau of Public Works has submitted to the Municipality an estimate of the probable expense bill for the construction of the projected maloo between Shabo and the Wun Chuen Hsin Koon Temple, at the foot of White Cloud Mountain.

According to the estimates the total outlay is expected to be around \$20,000. Of this sum \$18,000 will be expended on material and labour, while \$2,000 will be in the nature of compensation for removal of tombs on the planned route, and \$1,200 will be for the purpose of resuming land from private owners to make room for the maloo, at the rate of \$2.50 per *cheng*.

The budget has been passed by the Municipality, and the Bureau of Public Works has been instructed to invite tenders for the construction of the road at an early date. The Bureau of Finance will be instructed in due course to provide the necessary funds for the building of this road.

**Toishan-Chihkai Highway.**

The route for another public highway mapped out by the Department of Reconstruction is from Fan Shan to the town of Chihkai, and the Magistrates of the two districts have been instructed to raise the necessary funds from the inhabitants of their districts.

The section between Tau Shan and Toi Tou, a distance of about 20 *li*, has been already completed, but the next section, between Toi Tou and Chihkai has not been started. This dilatoriness is causing Toishan people to hesitate to pay for the shares which they have taken for the purpose of road building. There is a sum of several thousand dollars due to be collected from the people of Wang Kong and Chen How, while the inhabitants of many villages are withholding payment of their proper quota of the funds for the road. There is not even a sufficiency of funds to permit of the construction of bridges in the section of the road that is already built.

**Projected Motor Service.**

The villages in the Tau Shan-Toi Tou section are densely populated, and in their own interests the villagers have put up temporary wooden bridges, and a flourishing ricksha service has developed. A private auto transport company has been organised to inaugurate a service on this highway, and this company is petitioning the Department of Reconstruction to order the immediate completion of the highway to Chihkai terminal. Delegates are being sent to the various villages and it is hoped that in the near future funds will be collected to enable the bridges to be built along the finished section. The auto service will then be started on this section, and will no doubt prove of inestimable value to the country folk.

**DUTY ON SILK COCOONS.****KOCHOW SECURES EXEMPTION.**

The Sun Yat Sen University some time ago petitioned the Branch Political Council requesting exemption from payment of transit duty on silk cocoons produced in Kochow and sent to various inland centres of Kwangchow district. The petition asked that this exemption be sanctioned for a period of five years, beginning next year, as a means of encouraging the growth and development of the silk industry.

The matter was referred to the Department of Finance, which recommends exemption from the transit duty for a period of two years, to begin from January 1st next. Exemption is to apply only to parcels proceeding to inland points, the duties payable to the Shantung Customs Station, and Inland Tax on silk cocoons intended for direct shipment abroad to be collected as usual.

The Department of Finance requests that the Sun Yat Sen University be instructed to order the Silk Cocoon Improvement Bureau to render reports annually on the conditions of the industry, giving statistics on the production, during the period when the duty is exempted. These reports and information are required as a matter of record.

It is pointed out that this is an exceptional case, and is not to be taken as a precedent by producers of other districts.

The Branch Political Council at its 127th meeting sanctioned the exemption as above.

**THE TAI TUNG DISTILLERY.****TWO OF FOUR DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.****CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO BE CONSIDERED.****PROSECUTION UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT WENT ON.**

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, of the Imports and Exports Office charged four members of the staff of the Tai Tung Distillery of Aberdeen with a number of offences whose object was to defraud the Revenue Department of excise duties on liquor produced at the distillery. The case again came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday and the first two defendants, the licensee and accountant, were discharged, as in the Magistrate's opinion no evidence of conspiracy had been given by the prosecution against them.

The remaining two defendants, a *seefu* (foreman) and his *foki* were remanded on bail until noon on Wednesday as his Worship wished to consider the case against them.

In doing so his Worship remarked to Mr. Lloyd that should he wish to bring any further charges of a similar nature against any other offenders, he (Mr. Lloyd) should prepare a charge under the Excise Regulations to fall back on in case the more serious charge should fail.

Mr. Lloyd replied that he and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of the "Office" went into the case fully with the Crown Solicitor and it was the latter who prompted the conspiracy charge. He would not have brought this charge against the defendants on his own initiative.

**A Conversation With The Crown Solicitor.**

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared on behalf of the defendants, informed his Worship that, at the conclusion of the first hearing, he went to see the Crown Solicitor in connection with the arrest of two of the defendants and Mr. Holmes informed him personally that he had not gone into the case but had merely glanced it over and made his suggestion in the course of general conversation.

The Magistrate intimated to Mr. Lloyd that he would permit him to amend his charges against the remaining two defendants.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the "Office" gave evidence of finding of a number of buckets containing fermented molasses arranged alongside the stills, during a surprise visit which he and other officials of the Revenue Department paid to the Distillery last month. He said that the quantity corresponded to the total missing from the fermentation vessels.

Evidence was also given of the derangement caused to the cycle of production by a number of the fermenting vessels being interfered with.

Witness explained at length the discrepancy in the amount of molasses mash which should have been on the premises and the total which was actually found there. The discrepancy came to some 3,500 catties, which although not a great amount would be equivalent to twelve kongs of mash.

Samples of the mash were taken and found to be the same as used by other distilleries. However, this distillery seemed unable to get the same results as the other distilleries.

**The Detained Foki.**

In reply to Mr. Lo's inquiry as to what happened to the fourth defendant, Mr. Taylor said that he was taken away from the Distillery and after an interview with Mr. Lloyd he was formally charged the same afternoon. The third defendant was away for 20 days.

Mr. Lo: As regards the first defendant (the licensee) I put it to you that he was not concerned with the work. He only concerned himself with collecting order and attending to the business which takes him to Hong Kong every day.

Witness: Yes, I admit that I have hardly ever seen him at the Distillery.

**Under Suspicion.**

Mr. Lo: "You kept a paternal watch on this Distillery prior to the raid. I would say for a week."

Yes.

Mr. Lo: I understand that on your visits up till the 16th August you did not want to excite their suspicion as to your intentions.

Yes.

Mr. Lo: You have also said that ten jars were missing on the 16th. I put it to you that those jars were just beside the storage door.

No, if they had been there I would have seen them.

Mr. Lo: "But I have been instructed that they were there." I am prepared to say that they were not.

Mr. Lo then cross-examined witness as to whether he could describe the alleged scheme by which the distillery is supposed to have defrauded the Revenue.

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**FORTUNE TELLER'S STORY.****ROBBED ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.****THREE GIRLS AS DECOYS.**

The case in which a Chinese is charged with assaulting and robbing an old woman on the Castle Peak Road, with two other men not in custody, was opened yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield. Three girls were also charged at the same time with aiding and abetting.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted, Mr. H. Lo was for the 2nd defendant and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., for the 4th defendant.

Mr. Fitzroy, opening the case for the prosecution, said that on the 21st of August the three girls went to the complainant's house and asked her to go with them to the temple at Castle Peak the next morning which she agreed to do. The old lady and the three girls went as arranged as far as Lai Chi Kok by bus and then walked along Castle Peak Road. Three men were seen following them and after they had proceeded some distance these three appeared in front of them from a side path, and set upon the old woman, knocking her down and robbing her of \$88. They then ran away, the three girls accompanying them.

The victim got up and walked along the road till she met a motor-car. She told the driver her story and he took her to the police station.

The man defendant and one girl were first arrested and subsequently the other two girls but the police had failed so far to arrest the other two men.

**Fearful A Fellow Magic Man!**

In the witness-box the old woman gave her story. She said that she refused to see a European doctor when this was proposed at the police station because she was a fortune-teller.

After describing the visit of the three girls the day previous to the assault, she told the Court how the assault had been carried out and said that she was unconscious for a while. The first car which she stopped was unable to accommodate her, but the second one took her to the station where she found the 1st and 3rd defendants who had already been arrested. She stayed in the station for the night and went home next morning.

The case was adjourned till Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m.

After a long discussion Mr. Taylor admitted that he did not know the exact methods, and Mr. Lo expressed his thanks for this admission from the prosecution. Questions were then put as to the possibility of an inexperienced *seefu* adding mash that would cause a too rapid fermentation, overflow, and the loss of both molasses and spirit.—This was all admitted by witness.

**Mr. Lo Surprised At "Office."**

In submitting to the Magistrate that he had no case to answer, Mr. Lo said that he was especially surprised that the Department should bring a criminal charge of conspiracy against the Distillery. He also made references to the arrest of the *foki* and their detention, one of whom was in custody for several days. Mr. Lo said that he failed to see any evidence which could support a charge of conspiracy against his clients. Still less was there anything against the licensee and accountant who had no hand in the work whatever. "The prosecution has not got anywhere near proving conspiracy," said Mr. Lo.

Magistrate: "But you must admit that some evidence has been given against the third and fourth defendants, suggesting that they were working together to defraud."

**Assumption Only.**

In reply Mr. Lo said that such evidence was only based on assumption. Mr. Taylor could not be certain of the alleged method of fraud or of the day on which any such fraud was committed.

Magistrate: "But evidence has been given that it had been carried on for some weeks and even longer."

Mr. Lo: For all we know the 4th defendant may be guilty of that and on the return, after twenty days of the old *seefu* (3rd defendant) he may have stumbled to it.

Mr. Lloyd remarked that even if the Magistrate held that there was no case against the licensee, the charge still held good that the Distillery were conspiring to defraud the Government. The second defendant was the accountant, he kept the books, and went around with Mr. Taylor on his inspection.

The Magistrate replied that he agreed with Mr. Lo that there was no evidence against the first two defendants but there was strong suspicion against the others.

The Magistrate then discharged these two defendants and remarked that he would give further consideration to the conspiracy charge against the third and fourth defendants, and that he would go through the deposition again.

The case was adjourned until noon on Wednesday.

**ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.****MURDER CHARGE WITHDRAWN.****AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.**

At the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday morning, Inspector Fallon, on the instructions of the Public Prosecutor, asked leave to withdraw the charge against the second of the two men detained in consequence of the recent double murder in Yaumati. The Inspector said the man had proved a strong alibi and there was no real evidence against him. The second defendant was discharged accordingly and the first defendant remanded till Friday next.

**AILING MOTHER AND ANXIOUS BRIDE.**

A Chinese who had returned to the Colony after having been banished for five years in 1924 was sentenced ten months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch. He told a sad story of an ailing mother and a lady who was waiting to be his bride; however, investigation proved that his mother was in the country and his purpose in returning to the Colony was to raise capital.

**ARRESTED FOR NOTHING.**

A Chinese told the Magistrate that he had been taken up for no apparent reason. Since he was arrested on the shop premises of the complainant in the early hours of Wednesday morning his plaint did him no good. Two witnesses for the defence failed to corroborate the accused's statement and he was sentenced to five months' hard labour.

**A BATTLE ROYAL.**

Described as a respectable resident of Sham Shui Po who had been employed at the Naval Yard for some years a Chinese had to face a charge of assaulting his wife.

It appears that the lady carried on a trade in illicit opium and her husband disapproved. A quarrel was started on Thursday by the wife hitting her husband over the head with a broom. Having a razor in his hand the husband slashed back at his wife inflicting a nasty cut on her foot which necessitated her removal to hospital.

The defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$100 and the case was remanded for one week pending the discharge of the wife from hospital.

**13 COAL SACKS.**

A Chinese was charged with the larceny of 13 coal sacks from Kowloon Railway Station, and pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector James said that the defendant was arrested with the sacks in his possession and admitted having taken them from the Station platform. They had been used to carry coal to the Au Tau Police Station and were waiting to be handed back to the contractor. There were 15 altogether, but the man had not stolen two which were marked.

A fine of \$20 or one month's hard labour was imposed.

**AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.****UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PRAISED.**

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning two students of Hong Kong University were commended by the Senior Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) for their arrest of a Chinese snatcher on Wednesday last.

"I understand," Mr. Lindsell said, "that you two helped to get this thief. You did very well. I congratulate you both on your excellent conduct."

The two young men are Kom Swan Tong, of St. John's, and Lai Nyen Foong, of Elliot Hall.

It appears that Mrs. Ruggles, of Government Quarters, Park Road, had a bag snatched from her which contained \$25. She ran after the thief but was unable to catch him. Revenue Officer Ward, who was passing on a motor-cycle, noticed a man running and followed, and when the fugitive turned down a narrow lane he shouted to the two students who were nearby to take up the chase, and they succeeded in catching the man.

The thief, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

**UNWHOLESOME PORK.**

Two Chinese were fined \$100 each for attempting to sell unwholesome pork at Saiwanho.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon said in evidence that an animal which had been sent to the slaughter house by the first defendant was suffering from swine fever and was dead before it reached the slaughter-house. The second defendant was the caretaker of the slaughter-house.

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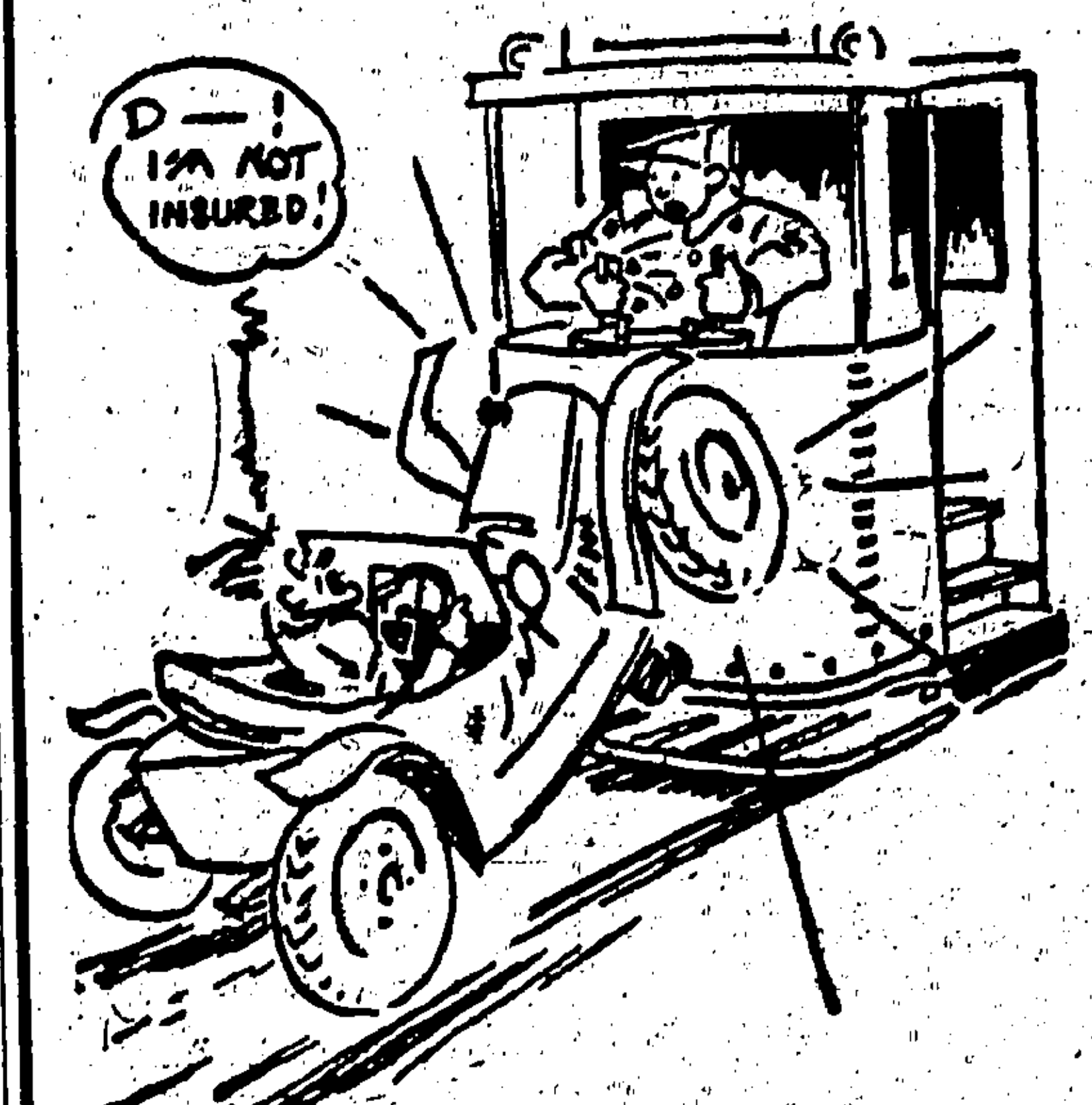
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1928.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Under-mentioned, on or before that Date. Dated this 6th day of September, 1928.

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W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary. [6877]

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## DEATH.

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## THE LURE OF LONDON.

It has been said that the Hong Kong resident home on leave would be almost sure to meet every other Hong Kong resident who was in England if he stationed himself for a week at the bottom of Regent Street. It is certainly quite impossible to go into London for a day without encountering at least one acquaintance from the Far East. London exercises a most potent spell, drawing as it does and holding as it does the visitor from abroad. There is something in London which satisfies the craving of the visitor who cannot find equal satisfaction elsewhere. The provincial towns with one's former associations demand a measure of interest, but this is quickly exhausted, for the parochial, or specialised subjects

of conversation no longer rouse the enthusiasm of former years. The local gossip worries; it does not stimulate, for it requires permanency of residence, not a fleeting visit, if it is to acquire that importance which the native attaches to it. This is just the attitude which the Far Easterner cannot adopt. He has no time for what he regards as the minor preoccupations of his fellow men, and so he makes for London where the outlook is indeed cosmopolitan. Though he may be swallowed up in the millions that compose the inhabitants of London, and may become personally insignificant yet he can be present at functions which are of world wide importance, and which it will be pleasant to recall and possibly relate at a later period, in Hong Kong, without feeling that the listener is called upon to exercise more than ordinary patience and courtesy while the story is being told, for half the joy in the world is gained by relating our experiences when they are noteworthy to others, whereas a great deal of boredom is created when such experiences are told that are quite commonplace and insignificant.

London throughout the year is a never ending pageant. As week succeeds week so in that great city there is some incident, some function which claims world wide attention. It is the city where the great speeches are made and where the doings of certain men are vested with an importance that is greater than elsewhere. It is not only the head quarters of England, but the social, political, and financial centre of the world. It is the best town in the world for collecting memories, and for giving to the Far Easterner home on leave the maximum value for the time he has to spend. Other cities may have finer buildings, such as Paris, or finer art collections such as Rome, but London more than any other city provides scope for the indulgence of the greatest variety of tastes, for it is here that can be met nearly all the master minds in the world of literature, music, science, politics, commerce, finance, and sport. The quality is exceedingly high, whatever be the special activity in which we are interested, and here we are sure to find it.

The Wimbledon meeting is the occasion for the gathering of all the greatest tennis stars of the world. A thrilling day can be rounded off by an excellent play at the theatre in the evening. Hendon with its marvellous air display crowds upon the Royal Horse Show which likewise rises to the highest possible level of skill and daring in horsemanship. For the more sedate there are the House of Parliament debates, and tea on the Terrace with a member interested in the latest Far Eastern news. The fine historical and ecclesiastical associations of London make a powerful appeal to anyone who has been cut off from the living past for any length of time. It is in London better than elsewhere that these links with history are found. The Times recently published a special supplement which revealed the wealth of London's history, and its varied, rich and extensive interests, which easily surpasses in importance those of any other city in the world.

It is strange that this city which is too vast to exercise any individual appeal, yet seems to be the personal property of every English wanderer upon the face of the earth. Each feels he has a stake in it. Having lost his attachment to his native city, he transfers his loyalty to this great centre which is best able to satisfy that new world outlook which he has acquired through residence abroad. London is truly the headquarters of the Far Eastern exile.

One Chinese case of small-pox was reported on Thursday.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, the Chinese educationalist, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning on the Takada from Singapore, and will sail on Sunday for Amoy.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will present medals and labels to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Government House on Thursday, September 20th at 6 p.m.

For boarding the Shamshui Ferry boat Man Kuen without having paid their fares, two Chinese fishermen were each fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday morning.

Messrs. Stephenson Harwood & Tatham of 16, Old Broad Street, E.C.4, announce that Mr. Ronald Neil Macleod, formerly of Messrs. Platt & Co., Shanghai, China, has been admitted to partnership as from August 1st.

Sir Percy and Lady Newson, with Miss Muir Newson, sailed from Quebec in the Empress of Australia on August 11th, on their way to Hong Kong. Sir Percy and Lady Newson expect to be back in England on November 10th.

The case in which Messrs. Alex. Ross are suing the Kowloon Hotel for the return of a car formerly owned by L. E. Haynes, was fixed for hearing on the 20th September at 10 a.m. by Mr. Justice Jackson in the Summary Court yesterday morning.

Among passengers arriving here yesterday from Australia ports by the s.s. Taiping were Dr. and Mrs. Shellshear, Capt. Jacobs-Larkcom, the Rev. and Mrs. Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Anderson, Capt. Q. R. F. Johnston, Dr. P. Haddow and Capt. P. W. Grierson.

Mr. W. J. Hill, M. I. Mech. E., chief engineer of Taikoo Sugar Refinery Co., is to receive a presentation in the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th. Mr. Hill is a Past President of the Institute.

The Daily Chronicle reveals a remarkable coincidence at Matlock Rotary Club on August 13th, when addresses were given by Mr. R. Childs and Mr. J. Childs. Both live in British North Borneo, both are planters, both left for England at the same time, and both came to Matlock for a holiday; but they did not know each other until they were introduced at Matlock, although British North Borneo contains only 350 whites.

Dr. John Hind, Bishop of Fukien, since 1918, has become engaged to Dr. F. Winifred Heyworth, of West Derby, Liverpool. The marriage is expected to take place in the autumn, when Dr. Heyworth will return to China. For some years she has been a member of the English Presbyterian Mission at Swatow. Dr. Hind came out to China in 1902, and for some years was head master of the Middle School of Trinity College, Fookchow. His first wife died in 1908.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—

Pressure is high to the E. of Japan. The typhoon is now shown as a depression over S. China. The position of the Guam typhoon is uncertain.

Local Forecast: S.W. winds moderate, generally cloudy, some rain.

## COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

## ISLAND RESERVOIRS STILL LOW.

The water return for the month of August shows that on the 31st the total storage in the Island was 364 million gallons less than on the same date last year. All the reservoirs (except Tytam Intermediate) were well below overflow level. The monthly consumption was 326 million gallons and there are therefore 33 months' supply in stock, supposing the reservoirs could be strained to their last gallon and there was no evaporation. The return contains the following figures:—

## CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

On September 1st, 1928:—

Tytam: 21ft. 5ins. below overflow.

Tytam Byewash: 15ft. 5ins. below overflow.

Tytam Intermediate: Level with overflow.

Tytam Tuk: 8ft. 0ins. below overflow.

Wong Nei Chung: 14ft. 5ins. below overflow.

Pokfulam: 14ft. 0ins. below overflow.

On September 1st, 1927, all reservoirs were level with overflow except Wong Nei Chung which was 3ft. 2ins. below overflow.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

Tytam ..... 1927. 1928.

Tytam Byewash ..... 384.57 327.15

Tytam Intermediate ..... 52.27 5.96

Tytam Tuk ..... 165.84 193.90

Tytam Tuk ..... 1,418.00 1,373.00

Wong Nei Chung ..... 26.34 12.63

Pokfulam ..... 66.00 36.00

Total ..... 2,114.41 1,748.83

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

Consumption ..... 1927. 1928.

Consumption ..... 333.49 335.59

Population ..... 414,500 424,820

Per head per day ..... 25.9 24.8

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during August 1927.

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during August 1928 with the exception of the districts West of Garden Road where an intermittent supply was given from August 1st to 8th, 1928.

## KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

On September 1st, 1928:—

Kowloon Reservoir: 1ft. 7ins. below overflow.

Shek-lai-pui Reservoir: Level with overflow.

Reception Reservoir: 8ft. 1in. below overflow.

On September 1st, 1927, all reservoirs were level with overflow.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

Kowloon Reservoir ..... 1927. 1928.

Kowloon Reservoir ..... 352.50 338.15

Shek-lai-pui Reservoir ..... 100.80 116.10

Reception Reservoir ..... 32.63

Total ..... 485.93 464.35

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

Consumption ..... 1927. 1928.

Consumption ..... 109.13 113.94

Population ..... 181,500 186,540

Per head per day ..... 21.8 22.1

Full supply in all districts during August 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

The total rainfall to August 31st this year was 65.97 inches compared with 93.09 inches on the same date last year.

## ST. ANDREW'S BROTHERHOOD.

## A SOCIAL AT THE CHURCH HALL.

One of the first socials held at St. Andrew's Church Hall this season was given by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's last night. Over a hundred people were present including a large number of soldiers. Dancing, songs, and games comprised the evening's programme the "Antidote" Jazz Orchestra providing the music.

Other contributors to the programme were the Misses Field, who gave an exhibition "Dance" under the direction of Miss Daisy O'Keefe, Mrs. Robson gave a song, and Mr. S. M. West a monologue. Two games, the Treasure Hunt, and Pellet Guessing Competition filled intervals between the dances.

Local Forecast: S.W. winds moderate, generally cloudy, some rain.

Mr. Arthur Wong was the accompanist throughout the evening.

## OBITUARY.

## PROMINENT EASTERN BANKER.

## GEORGE WILLIAM THOMSON.

The death is announced by Reuter cable of George William Thomson, J.P., a retired banker. Born in March, 1843, Mr. Thomson served with the Oriental Bank in China and Japan from 1870-1883. He joined the Shanghai Artillery in 1870. In 1877 he was wrecked at Cape Gardafui.

In 1888 he founded the first European bank in Persia, and three years later founded the African Banking Corporation, of which he was Chief Manager for 18 years and a Director for 11 years.

He was President of the Council of the Japan Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers. During the war he equipped and commanded a Volunteer Corps. He retired from active life in 1920.

## JUNK PIRACY.

## MACAO CARGO TAKEN BY FREEBOOTERS.

The master of a fishing junk had an interesting story to tell the Water Police on his arrival on Thursday of injustice at the hands of his fellow-countrymen.

According to Chin On Lee, the master of junk No. 258-H, he left Hong Kong on September 4th on a trip to Macao with a cargo of dried fish. The following day his vessel was seized off Fan Lau Point, Lantau Island, by 18 armed men who arrived in a large junk on which were also two women. Chin and his two *johs* were imprisoned in the hold for a day until the boat was taken to a place in Chinese territory where the pirates transferred the loot into their own boat and sailed away. The goods stolen were the cargo of dried fish valued at \$330, clothing and boat tackle worth \$67.

The junk people came out of the hold when they were satisfied that the pirates had gone away and sailed their vessel to Hong Kong.

## OPIUM HAULS IN HARBOUR.

## SAMPAN PEOPLE ARRESTED.

Revenue officers who searched a number of sampans on the water front on Thursday afternoon made two large seizures of illicit opium. Two sack containing 365 taels of opium, worth \$4,520, were found on a sampan lying near a wharf opposite the Sincere Company. Three occupants of the boat, two men and a woman, were arrested, and they will appear before the Central Magistrate this morning.

On a sampan tied to the Praya Wall, 320 taels, worth over \$4,000, were found, but there were no occupants at the time. An application will probably be made in Court for a confiscation order.

## KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB'S DANCE.

## GOOD MUSIC AND PRETTY ILLUMINATIONS.

The Kowloon Football Club looked extremely well last night on the occasion of the Club's Annual Dance, the compound and dancing floor (the tennis Courts) being lit up with red and dark blue electric lights—colours of the Club.

The music was provided by the "Footwarmers", and the still night and pretty illuminations made a very pleasant setting for a dance. Quite a number of Club members and ladies were present but owing to the heat only a handful of couples seemed to take advantage of the very well played jazz music, while others sat at tables arranged round the dancing floor and refreshed themselves with cool drinks.

Last year over 150 were present but last night's function although very well arranged failed to attract as many of the club's members as had been hoped.



## JAPAN DETERMINED TO STAND NO NONSENSE.

SERIOUS VIEW OF BOYCOTT SITUATION.

C. T. WANG'S REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY.

## FENG CLAIMS OVERTHROW OF SHENSI REACTIONARIES.

Japan has made by up her mind to stand no nonsense from China, and has instructed Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai, to convey this fact to the Nationalist Administration. The Japanese Government is viewing with concern the continued existence of the anti-Japanese boycott, and points out that it will be compelled to take a very serious view of it should it spread. It is hoped, however, that the Nationalist Government will show its good faith by preventing this. Japan regards the tariff which the Nationalists intend to apply as illegal, and will refuse to accept it unless the enforcement is preceded by a conference in which the matter may be discussed.

In the question of treaty revision, it would appear that both parties are waiting for the other side to make the first move.

Mr. C. T. Wang has issued a statement on the present position of foreign affairs. Settlements of outstanding questions of foreign policy appear to be proceeding satisfactorily on the whole.

A fuller account is published of the kidnapping and murder by bandits of certain Japanese at Wansien in May. As yet no compensation has been made for these outrages.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang claims that a Kuomintang general has stormed Fengsiang in a dare-devil attack. This, he says, means the final overthrow of the Shensi reactionaries.

## JAPAN'S VIEWS OUTLINED.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Sept. 7th.  
Prior to his departure last night for Osaka en route for Shanghai, the Consul-General, Mr. S. Yada, conferred with the Premier on the China situation. It is understood that he was instructed to endeavour to induce the Chinese Authorities to suppress the anti-Japanese boycott, which it is feared, though still sporadic, may spread.

If it does spread the Government is bound to regard it as very serious, and may be forced to take steps, though hope is still expressed that Nanking will show its sincerity by preventing the spread.

Mr. Yada was also instructed, it is understood, to take a firm stand against economic discrimination generally.

So far as the question of treaty revision is concerned he will take no steps. Meantime the Government will continue its watchful attitude, awaiting China's next move.

Regarding Nanking's intention of applying a tariff on October 1st it is intimated that the Japanese Government will not accept its enforcement unless a conference is first held to consider the matter. At present they consider the step illegal.

Talks with Japanese officials give the impression that the Government attitude is stiffening, and that Japan intends to show Nanking that she is not prepared to stand any nonsense.

## FOREIGN POSITION REVIEWED.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7th.  
Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nanking Foreign Minister, has issued the following statement concerning recent developments in diplomatic affairs:—

"The Nationalist Government has duly instructed Mr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister in the United States, to sign the Kellogg Pact for China."

"As regards the renewal of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty, the Portuguese Minister is expected to arrive at Nanking on the 10th inst. to begin negotiations with the Nationalist Government."

"The Nanking Incident between China and France has been settled except for some minor points which it is hoped to arrange shortly."

"In the matter of treaty revision with Japan, since China's second note in reply to Japan, the latter has not made any move in this direction."

## ROBBER GANGS IN PEKING.

HOUSE BROKEN INTO.

MISSIONARIES HELD UP.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

PEKING, Sept. 8th.  
The activities of gangs of robbers in and around Peking has increased considerably of late. A week ago a gang broke in and looted two temples rented to foreigners in the Western Hills during the absence of the owners, whilst last week-end, while an Italian named Riva was absent in the Hills, his Peking residence was broken into and \$3,000 worth of silver stolen.

The American military attaché, Mr. Magruder, returned this week from Chinwangtao to find many valuables stolen from his house, including a silver canteen presented by the Legation at his marriage. While to-day it is learned that two Anglican church people, Rev. J. Porteous and Deaconess Frances, were on their way from Peking to Yungching by motor bus when robbers searched their baggage, taking everything to which they took a fancy, and also stealing their wrist watches.

## THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

BIRKENHEAD TAKES HIS TURN.

ROUTINE DUTIES.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 7th.  
In accordance with earlier arrangements, Lord Birkenhead has assumed charge of the Foreign Office in succession to Lord Balfour, who has gone to Scotland, and who acted as Minister in charge of the Foreign Office while Lord Cusheendun was acting as Foreign Minister in Geneva. Lord Birkenhead's responsibilities, which he will discharge till Lord Cusheendun returns, will be mainly routine, such as the signing of documents.

## REFUNDING LIBERTY LOAN.

HIGH RATE OF INTEREST.

[REUTERS AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, September 7th.  
The Treasury is offering \$925,000,000 of nine month 4½ per cent. certificates of indebtedness to refund the outstanding Third Liberty Loan. This is the first time in the year that the Government has paid such a high rate of interest.

## DISPLAYING BRITAIN'S PLANES.

DEMONSTRATION OF EFFICIENCY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Sept. 8th.  
Fight-Lieutenant Scholefield left Brooklands at five o'clock this morning on an attempt to fly to Bucharest, a distance of over 1,400 miles.

He is flying a two-seater Vickers-Napier Vivid machine and hopes to reach Bucharest to-night. He will make two halts, at Nuremberg and Belgrade.

The purpose of the flight is to demonstrate to the Rumanian Government the capabilities of an aeroplane which is of all-British manufacture in competition with machines from Italy, France and other countries.

## TRAIN DASHES INTO LORRY.

LEVEL CROSSING TRAGEDY.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8th.  
Three people were killed and one seriously injured as the result of a collision between a train and a motor lorry at a level crossing at Winkhuizen, in the Province of Groningen.

## INFORMAL LEAVE TAKING.

PRINCES SET OUT FOR AFRICA.

CHEERING CROWDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, Sept. 8th.  
Absolute informality marked the departure from London this afternoon of T.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester for their tour of East and South Africa. This was in accordance with the Prince of Wales' personal wish.

The Royal brothers arrived at Victoria Station, not in uniform, but dressed as ordinary civilians in lounge suits, with bowler hats. On behalf of the Government Mr. Ormsby-Gore said farewell to them as, accompanied by their small suite, they entered the Pullman car of the boat train for Dover.

A large crowd, however, witnessed their departure and gave the Prince and his brother an enthusiastic send-off.

With similar informality, the Princes embarked at Dover in the cross-channel steamer *Invicta*, walking direct from the train to the ship. There was no ceremony, but again the Princes received a great ovation.

## "PRINCESS XENIA"

SETS UP A NEW RECORD.

THE LUCK CHANGES.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

LONDON, Sept. 8th.  
After many trials and tribulations extending over a period of nearly three months, Captain C. D. Barnard, the famous British pilot, landed at Croydon to-day in the *Fokker-Jupiter* monoplane *Princess Xenia* from Karachi, finishing triumphantly by setting up a new record for the flight from India to London.

Captain Barnard, who was accompanied by Flying Officer Allitt, landed at Croydon at 8.10 p.m. this evening, having flown a distance of over 5,000 miles from Karachi in four and a half days, easily a new record.

## SOVIET AEROPLANE MISSING.

FEARED LOSS IN ARCTIC.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

Moscow, Sept. 6th.  
Another Arctic tragedy is feared from the fact that the Russian aeroplane "Soviet North" is missing.

The plane set out in an attempt to fly from Vladivostok across the edge of the Arctic Circle to Leningrad.

It is presumed that the plane has been lost in the wastes of Northern Siberia.

## GREEK FEVER OUTBREAK ABATING.

RECOVERY OF VENIZELOS.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

ATHENS, Sept. 6th.  
Cooler weather, coupled with the Government's preventive measures, has resulted in a considerable abatement of the dengue fever outbreak.

So far, 200,000 cases have been reported. M. Venizelos is making normal progress towards recovery.

## THE PEACE PACT.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Sept. 8th.  
Lithuania has adhered to the Kellogg Pact.

## ERADICATION OF LEPROSY.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT.

LEONARD WOOD FUND.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

MANILA, Sept. 7th.  
John D. Rockefeller, Junior, has given \$100,000 to the Leonard Wood Fund for the Eradication of Leprosy. The fund has now reached over \$1,000,000.

## MRS. PACE.

NEW DOCUMENTS AT SCOTLAND YARD.

REGISTERED LETTER.

LONDON, August 17th.

A number of documents which are said to throw a fresh light on the Pace poisoning mystery are in the possession of Scotland Yard, the *South Wales Evening Express* understands.

They arrived there in a bulky registered letter and were handed to Chief Detective-Inspector Cornish, who was in charge of the original investigations.

The documents, it is stated, are to be submitted to the Home Office for early consideration.

It is believed that Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, will himself examine the documents, and that no new development will take place unless it has his approval.

Harry Pace, a Coleford, Gloucestershire, sheep farmer, died from arsenical poisoning last January. His widow, Mr. Beatrice Annie Pace, was tried for murder.

She was acquitted at Gloucester Assizes on July 5 on the direction of Mr. Justice Horridge, the defence not being called upon.

## TWO SPEECHES IN 43 YEARS.

SIR J. AGG-GARDNER'S MEMORIES.

Sir James Agg-Gardner, the Conservative member of Parliament for Cheltenham, whose death occurred last month, was first elected for the Gloucestershire constituency in 1874.

He was returned at all subsequent elections except those of 1880, 1895, and 1906, when the Liberals swept the country. His actual period of service was 43 years.

Yet in spite of his long experience he only made two speeches in the House—one in 1912 on women's suffrage and the other on May 4th of this year, when he moved the second reading of the Hire Purchase Bill.

As chairman of the Kitchen Committee, however, he had to reply to many questions in the House, and he usually disposed of any complaints very effectively.

More Wine, Less Wit.  
Though silent himself in the debates, Sir James was a severe critic of modern parliamentary oratory. As the only member of the House who sat under Disraeli he was entitled to speak with authority on the subject. He said last year:

"As a whole, the behaviour of the House has changed for the bad. In my early days important debates were really impressive affairs."

Nobody would have thought of interrupting Disraeli or Gladstone in the way Ministers are interrupted in these days. It is rather sad to think that while more wine is consumed in the House there is little wit in the debates.

Though he was not Father of the House, owing to the interruption in his service, Sir James was regarded by all members as a model of old-world courtesy.

Lord of the Manor of Cheltenham, he did great service to that town. He was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. A knighthood was conferred on him in 1916, and he was made a Privy Counsellor in 1924. He never married.

## IMPRESSIVE SCENES OF WORSHIP.

HUGE OPEN AIR SERVICE.

MYRIAD CANDLES.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Sept. 8th.

A stupendous and deeply impressive outdoor meeting was held to-day in connection with the Eucharistic Congress, a vast congregation numbering over 200,000 assembling at the Royal Agricultural Show ground, More Park, Sydney, in the centre of which a great altar had been constructed.

The visiting clergy were headed by the Papal Legate, Cardinal Cerretti, who took up a position close to the altar.

A notable feature of the gathering was that the huge congregation is estimated to have included at least 130,000 men worshippers.

Bishop O'Doherty of Galway led the congregation in hymns, while the sermon was preached by the Archbishop of Sydney, who also pronounced the Benediction.

The impressiveness of the Benediction was enhanced by the switching off of the great flood-lights, and by the huge congregation lighting myriads of candles.

## SPIRIT WHO SWEARS.

MEDIUM "PRODUCES" HER BROTHER.

"CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF SURVIVAL AFTER DEATH."

Dr. R. J. Tillyard, the well-known entomologist, in an article in the current number of *Nature*, describes what he regards as a conclusive experimental proof of the survival of human personality after death.

Two experiments were made. In the first Dr. Tillyard and a Mr. Evans, as assistant, equipped themselves with numbered tickets, drawings, and pages from a magazine not known to them or the medium.

In a dark room the medium, called Margery, went into a trance and a voice was heard, purporting to be that of her dead brother Walter, who selected numbers and diagrams from the bundles offered to him, and returned them "soon afterwards" to the experimenters.

Walter's Thumb-Prints.  
Then the party adjourned to a lighted room, where Margery, having come out of her trance, reproduced on paper the numbers, diagrams, and fragments of the magazine.

Subsequently another medium, who had been holding a simultaneous séance at a considerable distance from Boston, Massachusetts, where the main experiment was taking place, telephoned that she also had received the numbers and other particulars.

In the second experiment, with the same medium, but different witnesses, Walter made a number of thumbprints on prepared wax. These were subsequently identified with those found on the handle of a razor he had used on the day of his death.

Dr. Tillyard sums up his results as follows:

"Impatient Spirit.  
The personality of "Walter" is shown to be independent of that of the medium by the possession of a distinct masculine voice . . . by his alert mental powers, tending to impatience and the use of swear words . . . and many other qualities."

Besides this, "Walter" shows that he has the power of smell, can see in the dark. He can select and recognise objects not known to any living person."

He can produce his thumbprints in dental wax in the dark more quickly than an ordinary man can do them in the light. . . . My conclusion is that Walter Stinson, who died in 1912, has fully proved in a scientific manner his claim that his personality has survived physical death."

Not Proved.  
These arguments, however, have not convinced the editor of *Nature*, who, in a leading article, says:

"We find it difficult to imagine what possible reason Dr. Tillyard can have for supposing that anything supernatural was in progress during the acquisition of knowledge regarding these objects. . . . With regard to the thumb-prints, Dr. Tillyard has not yet even begun to prove that the prints taken at the sitting are identical with those of Walter Stinson in life."

## T.U.C. STANDS FIRM FOR PEACE.

HUGE MAJORITY AGAINST EXTREMISTS.

A. J. COOK CARRIED OUT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Sept. 8th.

A momentous decision finally committing the Trades Union Congress to the peace in industry policy which is likely to be one of the greatest influences in the future course of Britain's industrial life, has been reached by an overwhelming majority on a card vote at the annual assembly now sitting at Swansea.

The motion put to the meeting was one condemning the action of the General Council of the T.U.C. in opening industrial peace negotiations with the employers.

It was put in the name of several minor trade unions, and in view of the resolution, which was passed by a large majority on Tuesday instructing the General Council to take steps to purge the Trade Union movement of communism, the issue was never in doubt.

The three biggest unions, the Transport Workers' Union, the National Union of Railwaymen and the Miner's Federation had all previously decided to support the action of the Council, and the minority proposal was hopeless from the start. When the vote was taken the majority was even larger than expected. The resolution was defeated by 2,921,000 votes to 760,000.

Negotiations With Employers.  
Mr. Walter H. Citrine, the General Secretary of the T.U.C., opening the debate, said that the Congress had to take a decision that would be very important for many years to come.

Outlining the circumstances in which negotiations had been opened at the invitation of the employers, he said that the attitude of the employers in the past had been one of hostility towards the claims of Labour, but now no specific claims that came within the purview of industry would be excluded from discussion.

Moreover, he went on, at the very outset both parties definitely decided that there should be no interference with the right to strike or to impose a lock-out.

The step which the General Council had taken was in accordance with the development of trade unionism throughout the world.

At the present time, he stated, there was a demand that the worker should have a voice in the control of industry, and the employers had conceded that right.

Many Interruptions.  
The attack on the Council's policy was led by Mr. J. T. Brownlie, the President of the Engineers' Union, but his speech was constantly interrupted by the delegates when he began to criticise the attitude taken up by the Council.

Mr. Brownlie moved that the whole question be referred back to the Executives of the different Unions, but the motion was heavily defeated.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, speaking on behalf of the Council, stoutly defended their decision, and repudiated the "vicious allegation" that the Congress was trafficking with the capitalist system.

Cook Overcome.  
Mr. A. J. Cook, the Secretary of the Miner's Federation, and the strongest opponent of the industrial peace movement, fainted and was carried out in a state of collapse after a long and impassioned speech opposing the negotiations.

The Miners' President, Mr. Herbert Smith, said that the Miners' Federation had decided that the General Council had acted rightly in accepting the invitation of the group of employers headed by Lord Melchett, formerly Sir Alfred Mond.

## CONTEST FOR A CORPSE.

MAN WHO DIED IN TWO COUNTRIES.

Posen, Poland.  
A Polish merchant, Pinkus Gewel, was trying to ship across the frontier from Russia into Poland when he was shot by Soviet Customs men.

He fell dead across the frontier line, with the upper half of his body in Polish territory and the lower half in Russia.

Gewel's widow claimed the body, declaring that her husband had hidden \$200 in banknotes in his boots. The Soviet Commission refused to hand over the body and confiscated the money on the ground that even if the dead man's head was in Poland his feet were in Russia.



## CRICKET IN SHANGHAI.

### SERVICES BEATEN BY 80 RUNS.

E. I. M. BARRETT AND MANSEL SMITH IN FORM.

With honours even in the two matches already played, the deciding game of this season's series between Shanghai and the United Services commenced on the S.C.C. ground last Saturday afternoon and continued on Sunday resulted in a win for Shanghai by 80 runs.

With Stokes and Leach in the scorers were kept busy. Leach was very severe on Murray despite a cluster of fieldsmen on the leg side, and Stokes made two delightful shots to leg off short-pitched balls from Trusler.

#### Barrett In Form.

The association of Barrett and Leach saw the latter reach his 50 after being at the crease for 55 minutes, but with the addition of a single, Chapman brought off a splendid catch at short square-leg. A century for Barrett seemed certain but the unexpected took place. In this case a half-volley invited its usual punishment but Barrett failed quite to get a hold of it and Freshwater, running in from the tapes in front of the pavilion, made a good catch. A 6, 13 fours, a 3 and 6 twos were included in his innings. Wilson and Isaacs indulged in some care-free hitting until the closure was applied at 4.42—a shrewd move to enforce the visitors to bat in the shadows of the evening. The fielding of the Services was splendid throughout.

#### Poor Opening By Services.

The Services had 72 minutes batting, during which time they lost six wickets for the paltry total of 50 runs.

#### Services Fight Hard.

The continuation of the match between the United Services and Shanghai on Sunday afternoon furnished a result that was not entirely unexpected as a result of the play on Saturday afternoon, Shanghai claiming the verdict, by 80 runs. The Services carried their overnight score of 59 to 120, thanks to a good knock by Melsome, and thus just managed to avoid the follow on. O'Hara well deserved the final figures. The batting of Mangel-Smith was the feature of Shanghai's second innings, which was declared closed when 138 had been registered for the loss of only 3 wickets, and although the Services had 2 hours and 20 minutes in which to accomplish the task of getting 230 runs required for victory, at no time did their batsmen suggest they were capable of doing so. Hinchcliffe and Chapman battled in laborious fashion to put on 33 for the 1st wicket, after which a slump set in against some very good bowling by Terry Wilson and half the side were out for 61 runs. Murray played a patchy innings to obtain 22, but Melsome again battled well before being out to a wild dip, and Freshwater obtained his runs in quite good style. The end came at 6 minutes past 5 o'clock with O'Hara making a good catch at mid-on. Full scores:—

#### Shanghai.

H. B. Ollerden, c Moffatt, b Freshwater 2  
W. Mangel-Smith, b Murray 12  
D. W. Leach, c Chapman, b Murray 51  
L. F. Stokes, run out 25  
Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, c Freshwater b Melsome 92  
O. G. Simpson, run out 11  
F. L. Wainwright, c Chapman, b Freshwater 4  
D. W. E. O'Hara, c Sheppard, b Melsome 1  
T. W. R. Wilson, not out 15  
J. A. Isaacs, not out 4  
Extras 0

Total (for 8 wks.) 217

#### Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.  
Sergt. Freshwater 12 2 22 2  
Lieut. Melsome 16 2 44 2  
Lieut. Moffatt 8 0 37 0  
Rev. Capt. Murray 11 0 81 2  
Marine Trusler 2 0 16 0  
Sub-Comdr. Howe 6 1 17 0

#### 2nd Innings Of Shanghai.

W. Mangel-Smith, not out 79  
F. L. Wainwright, b Freshwater 10  
O. G. Simpson, c Murray, b Melsome 1  
H. B. Ollerden, b Howe 21  
J. A. Isaacs, not out 19  
Extras 8

Total (for 3 wks.) 138

#### Innings declared closed.

Bowling Analysis.  
O. M. R. W.  
Sergt. Freshwater 8 3 18 1  
Lieut. Melsome 14 1 98 4  
Lieut. Moffatt 3 0 18 1  
Sub-Comdr. Howe 3 0 23 1

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## V.R.C. NIGHT FETE.

### GOOD SPORT EXPECTED TO-NIGHT.

#### CHINESE TEAM TO COMPETE.

The Victoria Recreation Club will hold their second Night Fete this evening commencing at 9 p.m. As already reported, a varied programme has been arranged which should prove attractive. An improvement has been made by arranging a Team Race between the Victoria Recreation Club and the Combined Chinese Club; and this will probably be the most interesting event of the evening.

This will be the first time that a Chinese team has taken part and it is hoped that their participation will stimulate competition.

The Chinese are rapidly making progress in all branches of sports, but so far they have not done much at swimming. They have, however, a large number of performers to choose from, as their swimmers are now numbered by the hundreds. Many are quite good, and although they have not shown up prominently so far in aquatic circles, they are expected to give a good account of themselves this evening.

Entrée for to-night's events are satisfactory for every event on the programme. The ladies' item will no doubt be popular, and spirited play is expected in the Water Polo Match between the Club and the Combined Army Teams.

#### The Entries.

The entries for the different events follow:—

100 Yards Handicap for Members: J. Neves, Ed. de Roza, Silva Netto, S. V. Gittina, H. R. Pina, W. Howard, H. Remedios, L. Roza Pereira, F. M. Silva, J. A. Victor and E. Zimmermann.  
50 Yards Ladies' Race: Miss D. George, Miss P. Hunt, Miss D. Hunt, Miss M. George.  
High Dive, Open. Post Entries: Edward de Roza.  
50 Yards Back Stroke Handicap, for V.R.C. Members: F. M. Silva, Ed. de Roza, S. V. Gittina, E. A. da Roza, H. M. Remedios, L. Roza Pereira.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### LEAGUE MATCH DRAWN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

A League match in the Third Division (Southern Section) played on Thursday between Newport City and Queen's Park Rangers ended in a draw, no goals being scored.

#### 1st Innings Of United Services.

Corpl. Chapman, c O'Hara, b Leach 23  
Marine Trusler, l.b.w. b O'Hara 3  
Capt. Tyingham, c Wainwright, b O'Hara 6  
Rev. Capt. Murray, l.b.w. b O'Hara 6  
Major Goldwell, c Stokes, b Mangel-Smith 0  
Major Sheppard, b O'Hara 12  
Capt. Hinchcliffe, c Barnes, b O'Hara 30  
Lieut. Melsome, not out 12  
Lieut. Moffatt, b O'Hara 12  
Sub-Comdr. Howe, b Wilson 2  
Sergt. Freshwater, b Mangel-Smith 17  
Extras 2

Total 120

#### Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.  
J. A. Isaacs 9 3 21 0  
T. W. R. Wilson 5.5 0 14 1  
W. Mangel-Smith 11 1 31 2  
Dr. W. E. O'Hara 17 4 44 6  
D. W. Leach 4 1 8 1

#### 2nd Innings Of United Services.

Corpl. Chapman, run out 12  
Capt. Hinchcliffe, b Wilson 8  
Capt. Tyingham, b Wilson 2  
Major Goldwell, b O'Hara 0  
Major Sheppard, c Stokes, b Wilson 13  
Lieut. Melsome, b O'Hara 16  
Rev. Capt. Murray, c Leach, b Isaacs 22  
Marine Trusler, st. Barnes, b Mangel-Smith 18  
Sergt. Freshwater, c O'Hara, b Wilson 34  
Sub-Comdr. Howe, c Mangel-Smith, b Wilson 3  
Lieut. Moffatt, not out 1  
Extras 26

Total 155

#### Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.  
J. Isaacs 7 0 12 1  
D. W. Leach 4 3 1 0  
T. W. R. Wilson 16.3 1 58 5  
W. E. O'Hara 12 4 15 2  
F. L. Wainwright 2 0 5 0  
W. Mangel-Smith 7 0 22 1  
L. F. Stokes 2 1 9 0

## CHINESE DISLIKE GREYHOUNDS.

### SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS REFUSE ADVTs.

#### DEMAND FOR SUPPRESSION.

Opposition to the greyhound courses continues in Chinese circles and the vernacular papers say that the demand for the total suppression of the existing courses—Luna Park and The Stadium—is becoming more marked. The latest to join in the agitation are the Kiangning Residents' Association, the Coal and Coke Merchants' Guild, the Nanking Road Street Union, and the Changchow Residents' Association.

Beginning from Saturday, Sept. 1st, the various Chinese newspapers, by mutual agreement, declined to publish either news or advertisements relating to greyhound racing.

#### Dangers Far Reaching.

The Chinese Ratepayers' Association have received a telegram from the Ministry of Interior in reply to their recent wire, in which it is said:—

"Investigations have been made into the question of greyhound racing and it has been found that this is the cause of considerable gambling and consequent harm to the people. It is detrimental to the peace and order of the place and has caused the breakdown of virtuous society. Its dangers are far-reaching and cannot be over-estimated. We appreciate the enthusiasm of the people in fighting against the evil. We have asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to instruct the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai to take the matter up with the proper authorities through the proper channels and have likewise notified the Mayor of Greater Shanghai and the Kiangsu Provincial Government to this effect."

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs addressed letters to the Senior Consul and the Consul-General for France, asking that instructions should be given to the authorities to suppress the existing greyhound courses and take steps to see that no other greyhound courses are established in future.

The letter to Mr. King reads:—  
"On July 24th, the Chinese Ratepayers' Association again communicated with me and requested me to ask the Shanghai Municipal Council, through the Senior Consul, to adopt drastic measures to suppress greyhound racing in order to safeguard the livelihood of the common people, and to maintain peace and good order. This letter adds that over half a month has elapsed and the Luna Park and the Stadium are functioning as usual. In addition to this, another course in the French Concession will soon be operating and greyhound racing will be held almost every night."

#### Will Disturb Peace.

"As these tracks are in lonely places, and as the meetings are held late at night, the racing gamblers are liable to become the prey of armed robbers, and this will seriously affect the peace and good order in the city. This tends to show that this gambling gives rise to cases of armed robbery and suicide. In addition to circular advice being sent to the public, the Association requests that all greyhound race clubs be closed. A letter to this effect has also been received from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce."

"I, therefore, request you to instruct the police to close Luna Park and the Stadium, without further delay, and to give instructions that henceforth no permission is to be given for the opening of new greyhound race clubs, in order to put a check on gambling and to maintain peace and good order."—N.C. Daily News.

## SCHOOLBOYS' SUMMONS.

### PREFECT AND CHARGE OF BEATING.

STAMFORD, Lincolnshire, August 11th.

The magistrates at Stamford Petty Sessions will to-morrow hear a case in which John King Day, a prefect of Stamford Grammar School, is summoned for, it is alleged, assaulting and beating John Henry Davis, aged 10, a pupil at the school.

Davis is the son of Mr. Albert C. Davis, jeweller and silversmith, and president of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce.

Day, the defendant, is a nephew of the headmaster of the school, the Rev. J. D. Day. About a month ago he was for the second year in succession awarded the prize for common sense offered for competition at the school by one of the governors.

He is captain of the school cricket team and a non-commissioned officer in the Officers' Training Corps. He is the son of Major H. Day, Codrington Hall, near Newark, Nottinghamshire, and he is leaving the school soon, having won an Oxford University scholarship.

## CRYSTAL PALACE HORSE RACES.

### ABANDONED AFTER ONE DAY'S EXPERIMENT.

#### PARI-MUTUEL TRIED AT KEMPTON PARK.

LONDON, Aug. 16th.

Horse-racing, the most conservative of British sports, saw three startling innovations yesterday.

One of them, that of a combined motor-cycle and horse-race meeting at the Crystal Palace, was a failure and will not be repeated.

The other two innovations were: Kempton Park executive tried, as an experiment, a later mid-week start to their programme with the first race at 3 p.m.; and

The Guardian Pari-Mutuel Co., Ltd., exhibited a board outside their offices giving the first, second, and third horse in each race, with the price to be paid out.

A large crowd gathered outside the office of the Pari-Mutuel Company, and the police intervened on the grounds that an obstruction was being caused. The board was thereupon removed.

#### Prices On Winners.

The prices paid on winners, compared with the official starting prices, were:—

Race.	Pari-Mutuel.	S.P.
3 p.m. ....	21-1	6-1
3.30 ....	4-1	15-8
4.0 ....	8-1	100-7
4.30 ....	23-1	100-9
5.0 ....	14-1	10-1
5.30 ....	—	1-4

The pool in the last race was not so lucky. All the bets received were for one horse—the winner, and so, under the rules, the bets were cancelled.

Mr. W. J. Randall, the chairman of the Turf Guardian Society, who is managing director of the Guardian Pari-Mutuel, said to a Daily Express representative:—  
"We are quite satisfied with the first day's pool. We did not take quite as much money as we should have liked, but we had plenty of backers."

The Kempton Park experiment of a later start to the programme was justified by an increased attendance.

Mr. T. F. Dawkins, the Clerk of the Course, said:—

"I consider the experiment quite a success judged by the results, as Tattersall's receipts are up and the silver ring looks good. I have no doubt that the figures will be well above those of last year."

#### Poor Attendance.

The joint meeting of horses and motor-cycles was held at the Crystal Palace yesterday over a quarter-mile course—the smallest race-course in England. It was the first time horse-racing had been held in London under Galloping Association rules.

The management of the Crystal Palace stated that it had been decided to abandon the meetings arranged for next Wednesday and the following Wednesday.

"This step," said Mr. H. J. Buckland, the general manager, "was taken because of the poor attendance at to-day's meeting."

"The question of further horse race meetings will be considered later, but it is probable that the project will be abandoned altogether."

## THE DUCHESS'S "AIN DEAR SEL."

### FIRST WOMAN FREEMAN OF SCOTTISH TOWN.

STIRLING.

The Duke and Duchess of York were admitted to the ancient Guildry of Stirling.

Holding aloft a neatly white-gloved hand the Duchess, wearing a dress of a new shade of her favourite powder blue, took the oath of a sister of the Guildry, an incorporation of Stirling merchants which stretches back beyond the twelfth century.

By her side on the platform in the Albert Hall was the Duke, a bronzed, kilted figure who took the oath of a brother of the Guildry.

The Duke and Duchess were then admitted to the freedom of Stirling, the Provost pointing out that the Duchess was the first lady to have that honour throughout the long history of the burgh.

They welcomed her, said the Provost, not because she was their Scottish Princess, but "because of her ain dear sel' we are so proud of."

Responding, the Duke said that 240 years ago another Duke of York received the same privilege as they had done.

"His subsequent career," he added, "was not altogether a happy one, but then he had not a Scottish wife." (Laughter and loud applause.)

## ST. LEGER.

### FINAL ACCEPTANCES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Sept. 6th.  
The final acceptances for the St. Leger are as follows:

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Constant Son.  
Fairway.  
Marconigram.  
Gang Warily.  
Cherry King.  
Buland.  
Parviz.  
Lodora.  
Luvnerran.  
Flamingo.  
Plantago.  
Palais Royal II.

## MISHAP TO THE POPE.

### ANKLE TWISTED IN ALIGHTING FROM A MOTOR-CAR.

ROME, July 28th.

The Pope slightly twisted his right ankle in alighting from his motor-car in the courtyard of San Tomaso after his usual drive through the Vatican gardens.

The accident caused "only" momentary inconvenience, and was so slight that it was not necessary to summon medical attendance. Public audiences have not been suspended, and to-day the Pope received a party of forty American pilgrims.

—Reuter.

## ACTOR OF 1,000 PARTS.

### IAGO AT 12 A TIME.

#### THE TWICE-NIGHTLY STRANGLER.

NORTHWOOD, Middlesex.

About 50 needy actors and actresses, 65 years of age and over, are on the waiting list for Denville Hall, Northwood, which was converted into a home through the generosity of Mr. Alfred Denville, the acting-manager.

There are 40 old players here, including 14 women. Among them is Miss Violet Temple, now aged 70, who nearly 50 years ago was wearing her hair in what looked like an Eton crop. She said:—

I wore my hair short because I often played boys' parts, and because when I played Jane Shore I wore a wig with very long hair. I was born in New York, and came to England in a sailing vessel. I crossed the Atlantic about 15 times, and one voyage took 17 weeks. I have never been in a steam vessel.

Mr. Fred Powell made a success as "The Strangler" in the melodrama, "The Grip of Iron." He said:—

I played the part for 20 years, and every night had to strangle two people. One of them was one of a gang of crooks who betrayed and killed my daughter.

#### The Father's Revenge.

Before I avenged her I would say, "You may escape the law; you cannot escape these fingers." This was a tremendous thrill for

the audience. My hands were made up with black grease to suggest fingers like talons.

The humorist of Denville House is Mr. Morley Carroll, who at 70 is afflicted with heart disease but is the life and soul of the place. He said:—

I should think I have played 1,000 parts, (from Irish character to Romeo).

But such versatility spells obscurity. I have written four comedies that nobody will read and a fairy tale that nobody will publish.

I have played William Corder, in "Maria Marten" for 13s. 4d., and Iago for a shilling. For three nights in the Midlands, I went into management, and the profits, after paying all expenses, were half-a-crown. Exit management!

Playing in "Maria Marten" one night I rushed off to get the sponge to smear the red on her face. When she returned a woman in the gallery shouted, "She was shot in the back and she comes back with blood on her face." The audience roared with laughter.

#### Grateful Grave-Digger.

A veteran comedian, Mr. Arthur Aubert, said:—

When I was playing in Norfolk an old grave-digger who had never seen a play before was introduced to me. He was so pleased that he offered to bury me for nothing.

In Scotland an old woman said to me, "So you are one of the player folk. What a pity, a nice lad like you. I wish I could get you taken at the gasworks."

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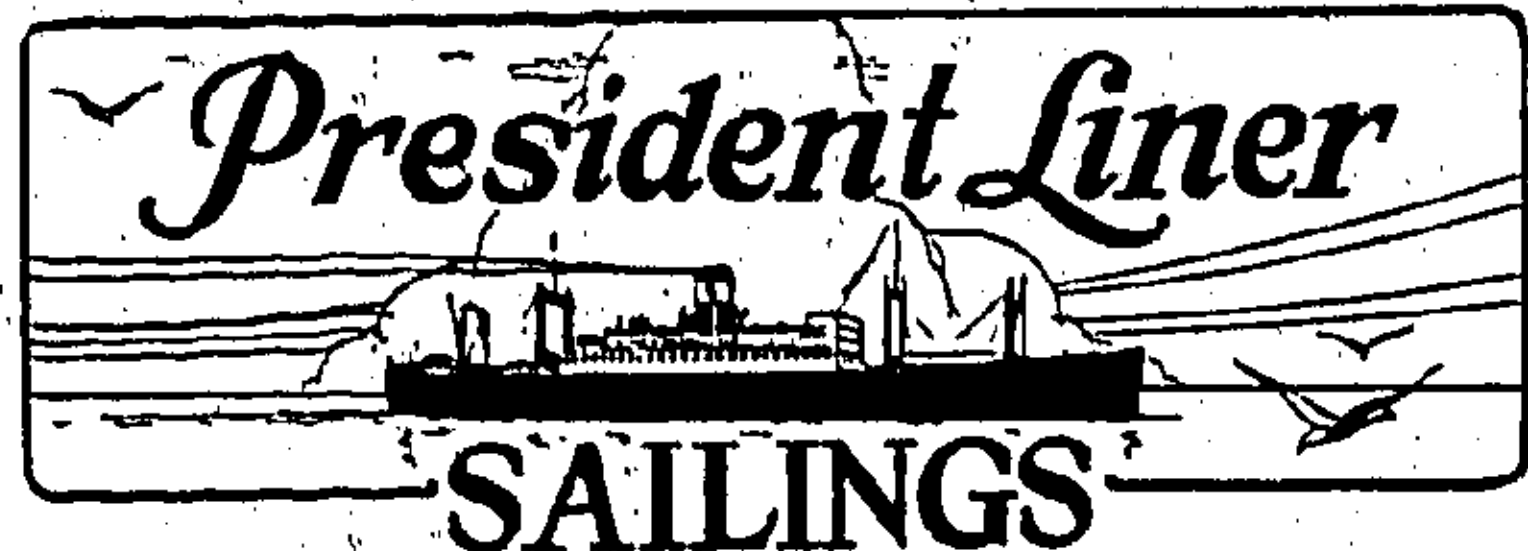
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Pres. Folk	...	Sun. Oct. 21 a.m.	Pres. Monroe	...	Sun. Dec. 16 a.m.

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Pres. Grant	...	Sun. Sept. 15th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Pierce	...	Oct. 13th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Lincoln	...	Sun. Sept. 23th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Jackson	...	Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m.
Pres. Cleveland	...	Sun. Sept. 29th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Taft	...	Oct. 27th, 6 p.m.

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## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Sept. 7th

Day	at 4 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
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Barometer	29.53	29.64	29.55
Temperature	81	83	88
Humidity	69	82	77

Wind	W	WSW	SW
Force	2	1	3
Weather	B	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 6th: 90  
Lowest open-air Temperature, 7th: 81

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Min; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Qualls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From September 8th to 14th, 1928.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water
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Sat.	8	h. m. 3 9	h. m. 11 25
Sun.	9	h. m. 4 25	h. m. 10 44
Mon.	10	h. m. 5 43	h. m. 9 54

Tues.	11	h. m. 7 1	h. m. 8 44
Wed.	12	h. m. 8 21	h. m. 7 54
Thur.	13	h. m. 9 43	h. m. 7 1

Fri.	14	h. m. 10 58	h. m. 6 24
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Sat.	15	h. m. 12 11	h. m. 5 35
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## GERMANY RECOVERING PRE-WAR POSITION.

News of a further attempt by the American Government to sell its liners coincides with the launching of a great ship at Hamburg which virtually restores Germany to her pre-war position on the sea, says the *Daily Express*.

New York, August 15th.

The United States Government is making another effort to dispose of the remnant of its fleets of liners and merchant ships.

The United States Shipping Board has decided to invite private owners to buy the United States Lines and the American Merchant Lines by easy payments on the hire-purchase system.

State operation of ships has involved the country in losses amounting to \$600,000,000 and the Government has been striving to rid itself of its shipping enterprise.

Numbers of American State-owned merchant vessels have already been sold. The famous liners *Leviathan* (of 59,957 tons, the second largest ship in the world), *George Washington*, *President Harding*, *President Roosevelt*, and *America* are included in the newest offer.

## Conditions of Sale.

It is announced to-day that the Shipping Board will issue advertisements inviting tenders from private owners, who must keep the ships under the American flag and operate a minimum number of voyages yearly between America and European ports.

Prospective purchasers will have until November 15th to consider their tenders. If no satisfactory offer is received by then it is understood that the Government will continue to operate the lines.

Payment will be on the basis of 2 per cent. with the tender, 22 per cent. on delivery of the vessels, and the remainder in equal annual instalments spread over fifteen years.

There are no indications at present that any private firms intend to bid on a basis that the Shipping Board would consider satisfactory, but the conditions may be changed between now and November.

The sale of the United States Lines and the American Merchant Lines will eliminate the United States Government as an operator of passenger vessels in the North Atlantic. It is estimated that the cost price of the vessels of the United States Lines would amount to about \$14,000,000, but their sale value in America is put at only some \$4,000,000.

The American Merchant Lines, with five ships of a total tonnage of 40,000, is not likely to fetch more than \$500,000, to judge by the prices at the other Government sales.

## GERMANY'S PRIDE.

## NEW MAMMOTH LINERS FOR THE ATLANTIC.

HAMBURG, August 15th.

The *Europa*, the first of two 46,000-ton Transatlantic liners built for the North German Lloyd, was launched here to-day, while sirens sounded from all the ships in harbour and crowds cheered until they were tired.

The *Europa*'s sister ship, the *Bremen*, is to be launched on the Water to-morrow. With these two mammoth vessels the North German Lloyd hopes to capture the blue ribbon of the Atlantic. Both vessels are expected to cover the distance between Cherbourg and New York in five days, thus beating the record.

Only eight and a half years ago Germany, under the peace treaty, surrendered to the Allies practically the whole of her mercantile fleet. All that was left of the North German Lloyd's pre-war fleet of 11 million tons was one small tender. It once counted the *Europa* and the *Bremen*, the North German Lloyd already possesses a fleet of up-to-date ships estimated to be equal in tonnage to that of her pre-war fleet.

## LOSSES IN A MOTOR BUSINESS.

## WOMAN'S DISASTROUS VENTURE.

Charlotte Silverstone, a married woman, who carried on business as a motor proprietor at 9a, St. Peter's Square, Manchester, appeared in the Manchester Bankruptcy Court, showing liabilities amounting to £5,336, of which £3,985 was expected to rank for dividend. She estimated her assets to produce £20, leaving a deficiency of £2,900. She attributed her failure to mismanagement of the business, loss on the sale and hire-purchase of vehicles, interest to moneylender, and bad debts in the haulage business.

In November, 1923, her husband gave her £1,400, with which she bought the business and premises of the Victoria Station garage. In addition, he gave her two charabancs and a limousine car which she used for carrying passengers for another firm. In 1925 she discontinued the garage business, and for £250 bought the goodwill of Fleet Motors in St. Peter's Square—a business in which now had no interest. She had to dispense with the services of one manager on account of losses, and then she took control herself. Having no liquid capital she resorted to moneylenders. In the winter of 1926 she took up haulage work, without success. The wet summer of 1927 affected her business adversely, and in January, 1928, being pressed by creditors, she sold most of her vehicles at a loss. Since the meeting of her creditors in March last her remaining five vehicles, which were held under hire-purchase agreement, had been removed by the owners.

The Senior Official Receiver (Mr. F. Murgatroyd): Fleet Motors was then a losing business nearly all the time.

Of course it has been rather a tremendous undertaking. You have had 33 vehicles of various kinds. The total purchase price of cars that were not obtained by hire-purchase was £3,600. You realised from these cars £2,469 and £100 for one that was broken up, which makes £2,569 towards their cost, on a loss of £2,321 on cars bought outright by your husband or yourself.

The total price of cars obtained on the hire-purchase system was £2,531, towards which you paid £2,249, making a loss of £1,842 on cars which have gone back to their owners.

In reply to Mr. Prior, her own solicitor, the debtor said her husband was a wealthy man when he bought the garage and cars for her. Now he is a poor man.

The examination was closed.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

SEPTEMBER 9th, 1928, XIV Sunday after Trinity.  
Choral Eucharist at 8 a.m.  
Peak Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Children's Service at 10.15 a.m.  
Matins at 11 a.m.  
Preacher—Rev. W. T. Featherstone.  
Evening at 6 p.m.  
Preacher—Rev. H. V. Koop. [97]

## UNION CHURCH (KEMWEE ROAD).

SUNDAY SERVICES, September 9th:—  
Sunday School at 9.40 a.m.  
Morning Service at 11 a.m.  
Hymns—24, 153, 297 and 558.  
Evening Service at 6 p.m.  
Hymns—123, 299, 324 and 668.  
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Reading Room at above address, open:—Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.  
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [97]

## MOST DIVORCES AFTER TEN YEARS.

## DANGER AGE IN MARRIAGE.

In a statistical review issued in England the Registrar-General analyses the marriage and divorce tables, and shows that in Britain there is one divorce for every 114 marriages.

Though the number of divorces is increasing and is four times more than before the war and ten times more than 50 years ago, it compares favourably with the United States, where one marriage out of every seven is dissolved.

In England a seventh of the divorces take place after five years of marriage, and more than half after ten or more years. Nearly half of the annulled marriages are childless, and in a third of the cases there is one child only.

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From Hong Kong.  
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TJISALAK	DALNY, AMOT	9th Sept.	13th Sept. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA BATAVIA
TJISONDARI	—	—	19th Sept. 4 p.m.	—
TJITAROEM	DALNY, AMOT	24th Sept.	26th Sept. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA BATAVIA
TJIKEMBANG	SHAL, KLUNG & AMOT	30th Sept.	3rd Oct. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJILEBOET	DALNY, AMOT	8th Oct.	10th Oct. 4 p.m.	MAKASSAR & SOERABAYA

## NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	In Harbour	10th Sept.	AMOT, N. CHINA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	12th Sept.	15th Sept.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG, AMOT, N. CHINA
TJIKINI	JAVA, MAKASSAR	21st Sept.	24th Sept.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG, AMOT, N. CHINA
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	26th Sept.	29th Sept.	AMOT, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG, AMOT, N. CHINA
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	5th Oct.	8th Oct.	AMOT, N. CHINA

## TO MANILA.

STEAMERS	FROM HONG KONG	AT MANILA
TJISALAK	12th September, 4 p.m.	15th September
TJITAROEM	26th September, 4 p.m.	29th September
TJILEBOET	10th October, 4 p.m.	13th October

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WUHAN, CHONGQING & TIENTSIN	... KUEICHOW	On 8th Sept. 4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... SZECHUEN	On 9th Sept. Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... KALANG	On 9th Sept. 3 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... KANGHOU	On 10th Sept. 6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... KANGHOU	On 10th Sept. Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... KINGYUAN	On 12th Sept. 8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... HUPIN	On 12th Sept. 5 a.m.
SHANGHAI	... TEAN	On 13th Sept. 10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	... CHENAN	On 13th Sept. 3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... ANHUI	On 14th Sept. 3 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... SUNNING	On 14th Sept. Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	... KWANGCHOW	On 16th Sept. 9 a.m.
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S.S. "CITY OF KHIOS"	... Via Suez Canal	25th October
S.S. "PYRREUS"	... Via Suez Canal	18th November
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ATHOS II ... 25th Sept.	SPHINX ... 25th Sept.
DARTAGNAN ... 9th Oct.	G. METZINGER ... 9th Oct.
SPHINX ... 23rd Oct.	PAUL LEON ... 23rd Oct.
G. METZINGER ... 6th Nov.	ANDRE LEBON ... 7th Nov.
PAUL LEON ... 20th Nov.	CHENONBAUX ... 21st Nov.
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## Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

## ARRIVALS.

September 6th.

Albert Sarraut, French str., 1,131 tons, Capt. M. Blaich, from Saigon, which port she left on September 2nd, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C46—M.M.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, from Hongkong and Hoihow, with 2,900 tons of coal for Swatow, lying at buoy No. C41—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Compagnie, French str., 1,973 tons, Capt. Teynel, from Saigon, which port she left on September 2nd, with rice and firewood, lying at buoy No. B31—Optorg Co.

Kanchow, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Limchow, French str., 1,416 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Hoihow, with general cargo and coal, lying at buoy No. B36—Sing Kee Co.

Tjilchoet, Dutch str., 3,635 tons, Capt. P. Meerma, from Batavia and Balikpapan. The latter port she left on September 1st, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

Wingau, Chinese str., 303 tons, Capt. A. de Lemos, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf—Yue Kee & Co.

September 7th.

Heidelberg, German str., 3,960 tons, Capt. Stocker, from Shanghai, which port she left on September 4th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A2—Jebben & Co.

Hulbro, Norwegian str., 1,027 tons, Capt. H. Haagensten, from Samarinda, which port she left on September 1st, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C18—Kwang Sang Loong.

Linan, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock—B. & S.

Szechuen, British str., 1,694 tons, Capt. J. R. Shearer, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.

Taiping, British str., 4,323 tons, Capt. A. M. Frame, from Melbourne, which port she left on August 11st, with frozen and general cargo, amounting to 870 tons, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at China Merchants' Wharf—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.

Takada, British str., 8,649 tons, Capt. J. Lindon, from Singapore, which port she left on September 1st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Wilfred, Norwegian str., 3,043 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Chinwangtao, which port she left on September 1st, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laichikok—Dodwell & Co.

Yayo M., Japanese str., 8,730 tons, Capt. G. Kitsuiki, from Singapore, which port she left on August 31st, with iron and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Kokusai Kisen Kaisha.

## CLEARANCES.

September 7th.

Borneo, for Swatow.

Hulbro, for Saigon.

Halldor, for Bangkok.

Hanoi, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Heidelberg, for Manila.

Hulbro, for Canton.

Kanchow, for Canton.

Limchow, for Canton.

Linan, for Shanghai.

Lushan Maru, for Canton.

Seitan, for Singapore.

Shia Hing, for Macao.

Tai Poo Sek, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Tak Hing, for Amoy.

Tenkin, for Haiphong.

Wilfred, for Canton.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Manila on Friday at 9 a.m., left at midnight, and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, from Hong Kong on August 29th, left Yokohama on September 6th at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on September 15th.

The B.I. s.s. *Takada* will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka at 6 p.m. to-day (Saturday), September 8th.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Main* left Shanghai on September 7th, and is expected to arrive here on Monday, the 10th inst. She will sail for Europe, via Singapore and ports on the same day.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Schwaben*, from Europe, left Singapore on September 6th, and is expected to arrive here on Tuesday, the 11th inst. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan on September 12th.

## VESUVIAN FIERY SEA.

NAPLES, Aug. 15th.

The flow of lava from Vesuvius is still considerable, and has inundated two-thirds of the Valle dell' Inferno, forming a fiery sea. The valley is desolate land.

Professor Mahadra, director of the Vesuvius Observatory, estimates the lava emitted at about 1,300,000 cubic yards. Professor Mahadra's prediction that the volcano's activity will subside as suddenly as it began—as it did last year—without causing any damage to the surrounding country, seems likely to be justified.

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	"HOPKANG"	Wed., 12th Sept., at Noon
	"KWANGSANG"	Wed., 19th Sept., at Noon
KORE via AMOI, KEE-LUNG, SHANGHAI & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Satur., 15th Sept., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KORE	"HOSANG"	Fri., 21st Sept., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"CHIPSHING"	Sun., 9th Sept., at 3 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Sun., 9th Sept., at 3 p.m.
	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 15th Sept., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Tues., 11th Sept., at 5 p.m.
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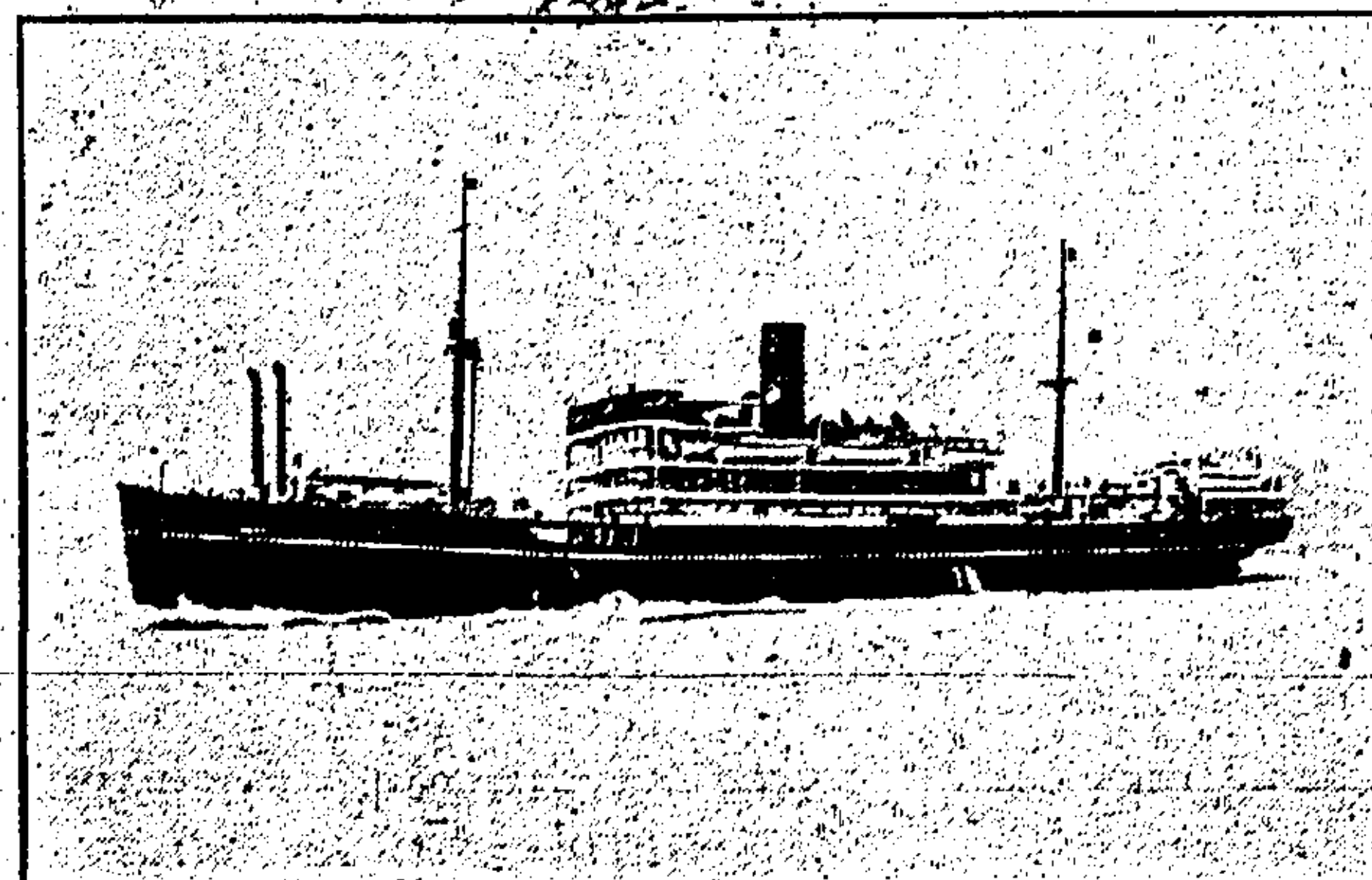
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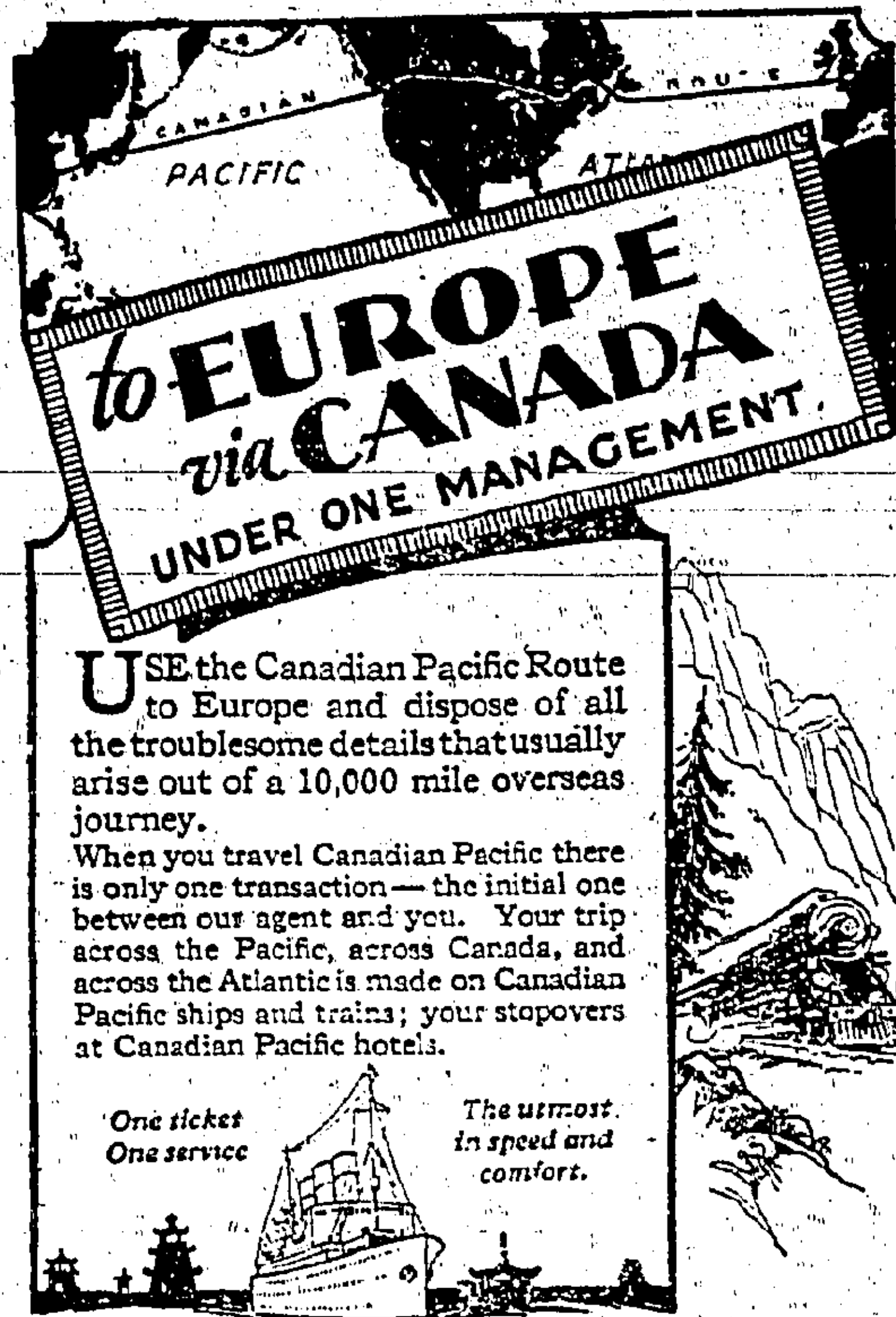
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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News,  
Vessels Expected, etc.

### YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.

### THROUGH CARGO IMPROVES.

The amount of general merchandise discharged for this port during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was again below average. Through freights were good and showed an increase over the previous days figures.

There were fourteen arrivals and the same number of departures. Four arrivals were British and six departures.

Twelve vessels discharged a total of 6,350 tons of which two British ships contributed 1,029 tons. The best returns were shown by two French vessels from Saigon. The s.s. *Albert Sarraut* discharged 3,100 tons of rice and general cargo.

Seven vessels carried 210,400 tons of through freights of which four were British and carried a total of 4,570 tons. The two best carriers were the s.s. *Tjiliboet* (Dutch) with 3,775 tons of sugar from Batavia and Balikpapan, and the s.s. *Borneo* (British) with 9,900 tons of coal from Hongkong and Hoihow.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	6
Japanese	1	1
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	3	3
Dutch	1	1
French	5	1
German	0	1
Total	14	14

### VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jefferson, September 10th

President McKinley, Sept. 10th.

President Grant, September 14th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Change, October 10th.

Taipei, Nov. 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Lincoln, September 14th.

City of Glasgow, September 29th.

City of York, October 4th.

City of Wellington, October 5th.

City of Bathurst, October 10th.

City of Mobile, October 27th.

City of Athens, October 30th.

City of Mandalay, Nov. 24th.

City of Lahore, December 8th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Mendocino, September 10th.

Tyndarus, September 15th.

Achilles, September 18th.

Patroclus, September 18th.

Tellamon, September 18th.

Bellerophon, September 20th.

Phemius, September 21st.

Protesilaus, September 25th.

Meriones, September 26th.

Matoppos, September 29th.

Sarpedon, October 3rd.

Adriatic, October 3rd.

Oanfa, October 15th.

Adriatic, October 15th.

Calchas, October 18th.

Talithybia, October 18th.

Agapenor, October 17th.

Antenor, October 18th.

Domea, October 18th.

Eurylochus, October 20th.

Purphus, October 24th.

Cyclops, November 6th.

Izion, November 8th.

Deucalion, November 8th.

Perseus, November 15th.

Helenus, November 15th.

Rector, November 15th.

Titan, November 20th.

Dardanus, December 12th.

### San Line.

Benvenue, to-morrow.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Tilawa, to-day.

Talamba, September 15th.

Gambada, September 15th.

Talma, September 25th.

Takliwa, October 10th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, to-morrow.

Dodwell & Co.

Remo, September 13th.

Toledo, September 24th.

Toronto, October 10th.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Wilson, to-day.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Asia, Sept. 19th.

Afrika, Sept. 24th.

Chile, Sept. 30th.

Malaya, Oct. 24th.

Siam, Dec. 2nd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arafura, October 8th.

Tanda, Nov. 2th.

Glen Line.

Glenagie, September 11th.

Glenappa, September 13th.

Glenara, September 27th.

Gleniel, September 28th.

Glenavonshire, October 14th.

Glenbeg, October 28th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Stinnes Lines.

Carl Legien, to-morrow.

Leverkusen, September 15th.

Ermland, September 20th.

Burgundia, October 11th.

Ruhr, October 28th.

Sachsen, Nov. 11th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiliboet, to-morrow.

Tjikembang, September 12th.

Tjikini, September 21st.

Tjikarom, September 21st.

Tjikarang, September 28th.

Tjikamock, October 6th.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Arignac, September 11th.

Portos, September 11th.

Atika II, September 25th.

Sphina, September 25th.

General Maitland, October 9th.

Paul Léon, October 23rd.

André Léon, November 7th.

Chenonceau, November 21st.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Hakone Maru, to-day.

Muroran Maru, to-day.

Wakoto Maru, to-day.

Sida Maru, September 10th.

Shinyo Maru, September 10th.

Lyons Maru, September 13th.

Morioka Maru, September 17th.

Tango Maru, September 18th.

Suva Maru, September 21st.

Maybashi Maru, September 23rd.

Bokuyo Maru, September 24th.

Siberia Maru, September 25th.

Nagato Maru, September 27th.

Fushimi Maru, October 5th.

Kanagawa Maru, October 8th.

Taiyo Maru, October 10th.

Aki Maru, October 23rd.

Tenyo Maru, October 23rd.

Rakuyo Maru, October 24th.

Hakata Maru, November 9th.

Mishima Maru, Nov. 20th.

Ginyo Maru, December 3rd.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Mirra, September 13th.

Morea, September 15th.

Khiva, September 15th.

Khiva, September 27th.

Lahore, September 27th.

Kashgar, September 28th.

Macedonia, October 12th.

Jeypore, October 13th.

Karmala, October 19th.

Khyber, October 22nd.

Kashmir, November 2nd.

Malwa, November 5th.

Naldera, Nov. 23rd.

Mantua, Dec. 7th.

Prince Line.

Japanese Prince, September 16th.

Japanese Prince, October 14th.

### DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

"SUI TAI'S" MASTER GOES HOME.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Captain Matthews, of the s.s. *Sui Tai* of the Hong Kong, Canton and

Macao Steamboat Company which

was recently damaged by fire is

among the passengers leaving for

Home to-day by the s.s. *Hakone*

*Maru*.

Death At Sea.

The master of the s.s. *Tjiliboet*

(Dutch) which arrived here yester-

day from Batavia and Balikpapan

reports the death of a passenger

during the voyage.

"Michael Jebson" Goes To Dock.

The s.s. *Michael Jebson* (Danish)

went to the Hong Kong and Wham-

poon Dock Company docks at noon

yesterday for general overhaul and

refit.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Eleven vessels brought 1,035

Asiatic deck passengers to the

Colony during the 24 hours ended

at 9 a.m. yesterday.

MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT.

The following merchant vessels

were in port yesterday at 9 a.m.:—

British: *Szechuen*, *Kanchow*,

*Borneo*, *Haiching*, *Seistan*, *Kuei-*

*chow*, *Anking*, *Tyndareus*, *Kwong*

*Sang*, *Chungchow*, *Pheumpen*,

*Chinkwa*, *Kalpan*, *King Yuen*,

*Telemachus*, *Elpenor*, *Sumatra*,

*Lot*, *Sun*, *Scang*, *Bee*, *Taikoo*,

*Guristan*.

American: *Scottsburg*.

Danish: *Michael Jebson*.

Norwegian: *Prosper*, *Hormod*,



